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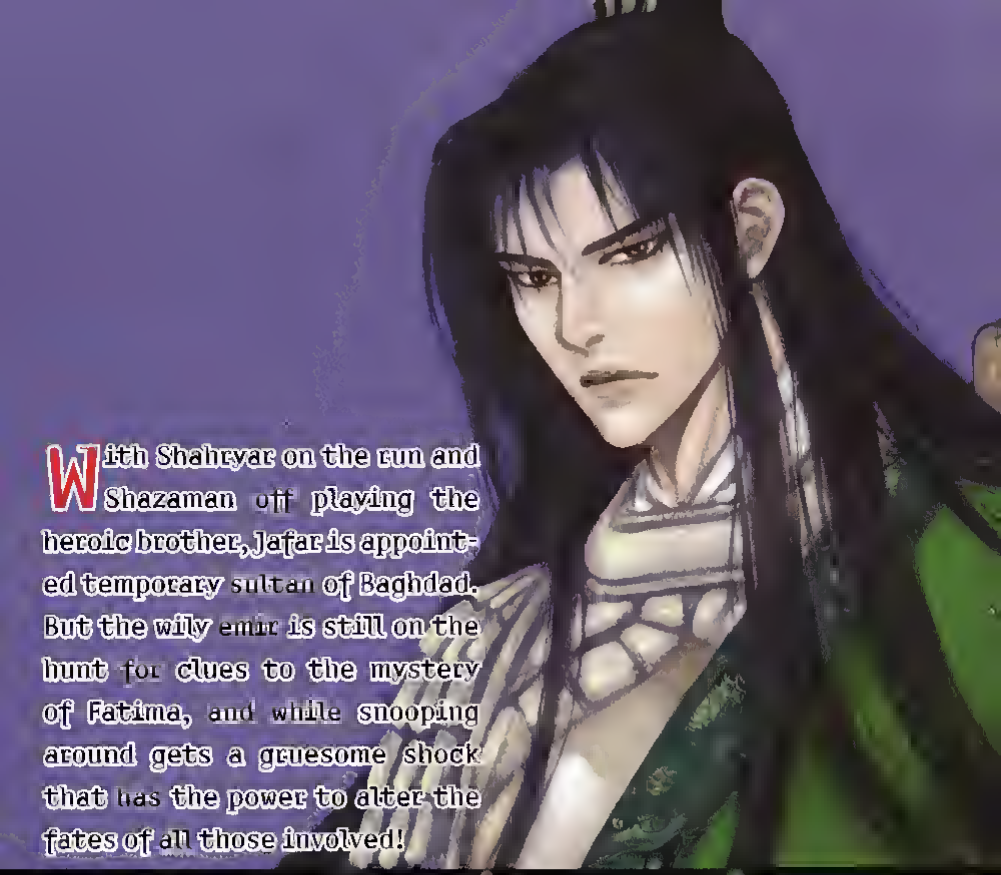

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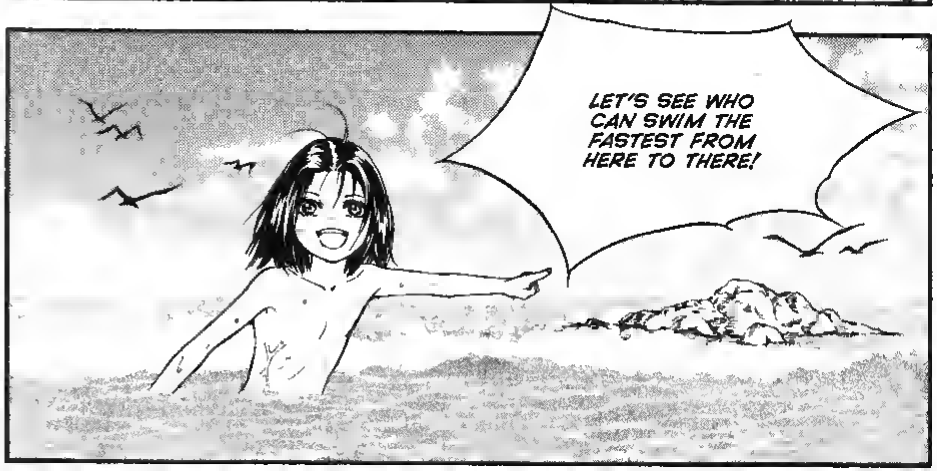
WHOOOOO
KKRRSSHH

WHOOOO

JAFAAAAR!
CRUNCH

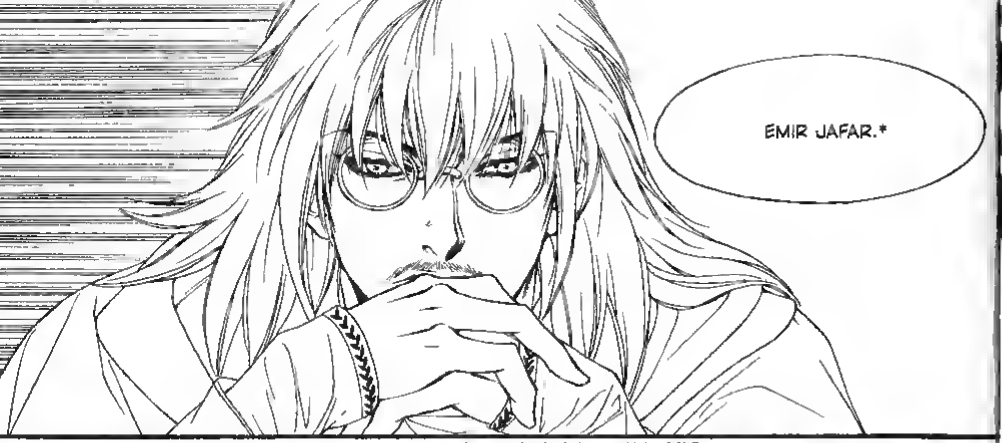
ARE YOU JUST GOING TO SIT THERE AND READ? YOUR EYES WILL GO BAD!

BIG BROTHER!


LET'S SEE WHO CAN SWIM THE FASTEST FROM HERE TO THERE!

YOU'RE NOT GOOD ENOUGH TO CHALLENGE ME YEEET!
YOU NEED TO PRACTICE MORE KICKING IN SHALLOW WATER!
HMPH!
I JUST TAUGHT SHAZAMAN HOW TO SWIM...
...AND HE WANTS TO RACE ME ALREADY.
BUT YOU! JUST LOOK AT YOUR PASTY SKIN!
.....
TAKE OFF YOUR CLOTHES AND GET SOME SUN! COME ON~! COME ON~!
HEH-HEH!
ARGH! OKAY, OKAAAY! GET OFF ME! I'LL DO IT MYSELF!

?
WHAT'S WRONG?
.....
SHAZAMAN...!



*EMIR A TITLE OF HIGH OFFICE HISTORICALLY USED IN THE MEDIEVAL MUSLIM WORLD

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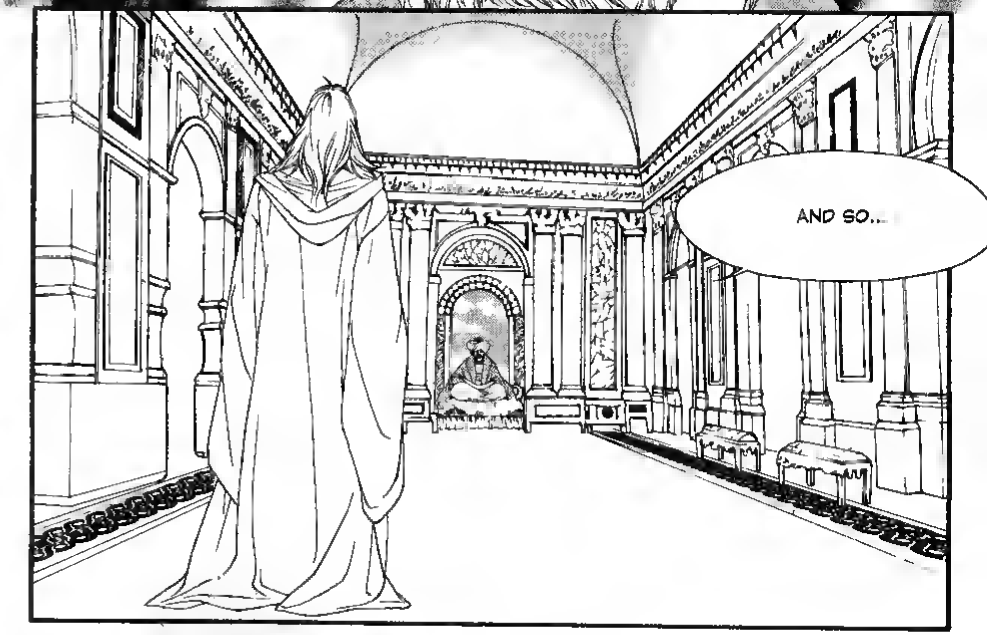


...BUT YOU ARE TELLING ME THAT ALL THIS IS THE DOING OF A MERE WOMAN BY THE NAME OF FATIMA?
ANYWAY, THE REASON I HAVE ASKED TO SEE YOU...
OTHER SULTANS AND EMIRS WOULD THROW YOU INTO A DUNGEON FOR SUCH TALK.
.....

...IS TO APPOINT YOU TEMPORARY SULTAN OF BAGHDAD.
I WANT YOU TO CARRY OUT THE PLAN TO TAKE BACK JERUSALEM UNTIL SHAZAMAN'S RETURN.

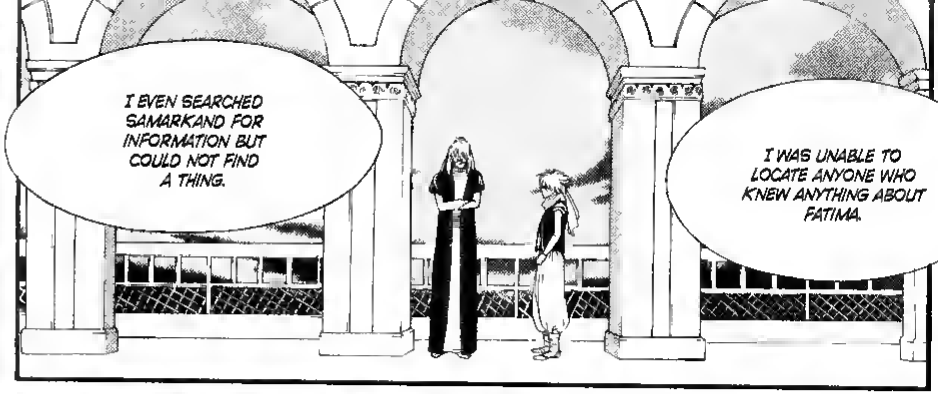
I...I...
EVERYONE AGREES THAT YOU ARE THE RIGHT PERSON FOR THIS IMPORTANT MISSION.

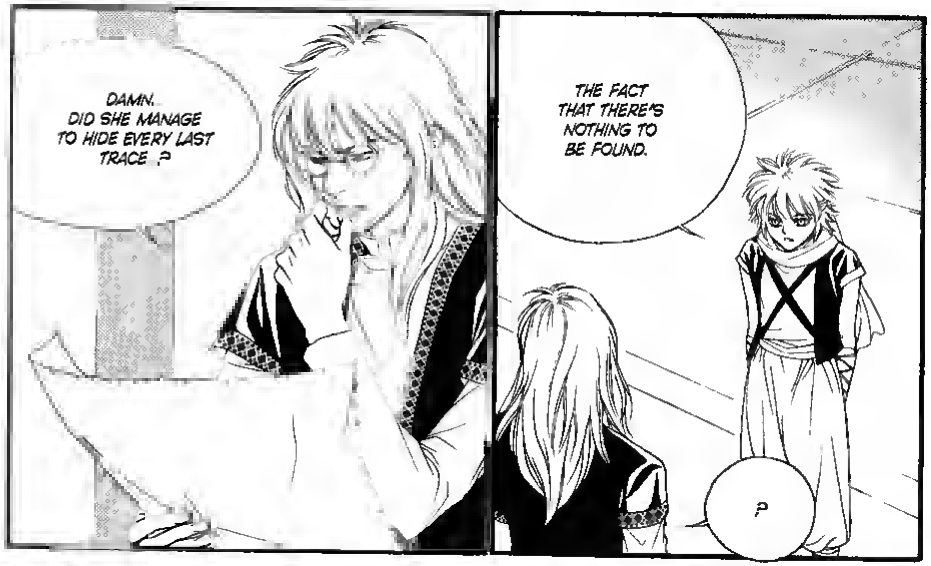
I ORDERED SHAZAMAN TO BRING SHAHRYAR BACK UNHARMED. IF ANY PROBLEMS ARISE, WE CAN DISCUSS THEM LATER.
YES... CALIPH.

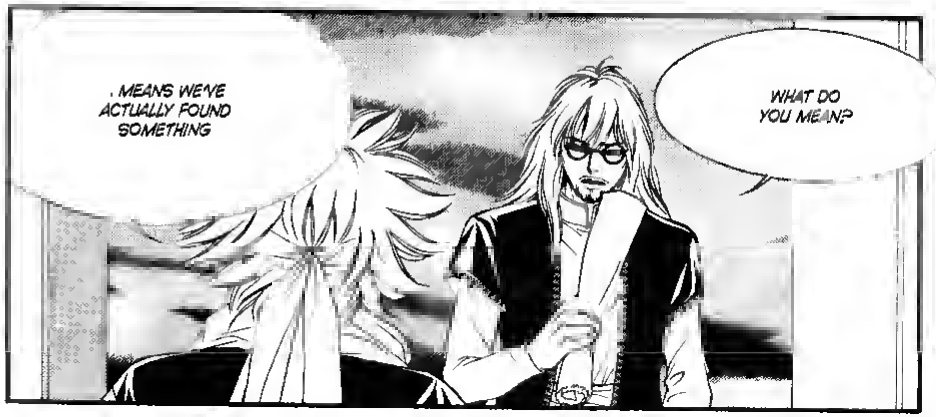
SIGH

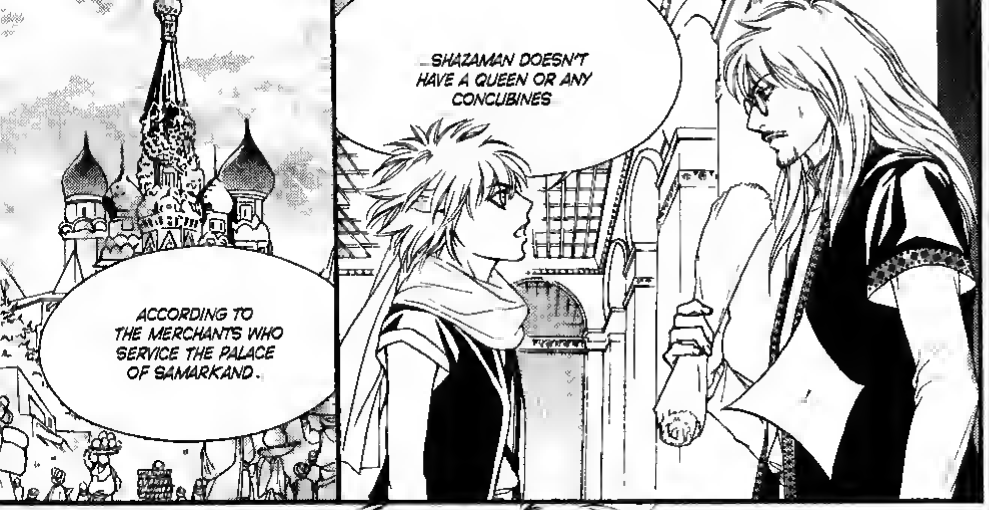
I'VE TRIED VARIOUS AVENUES TO UNCOVER MORE OF FATIMA'S PAST.
.....!

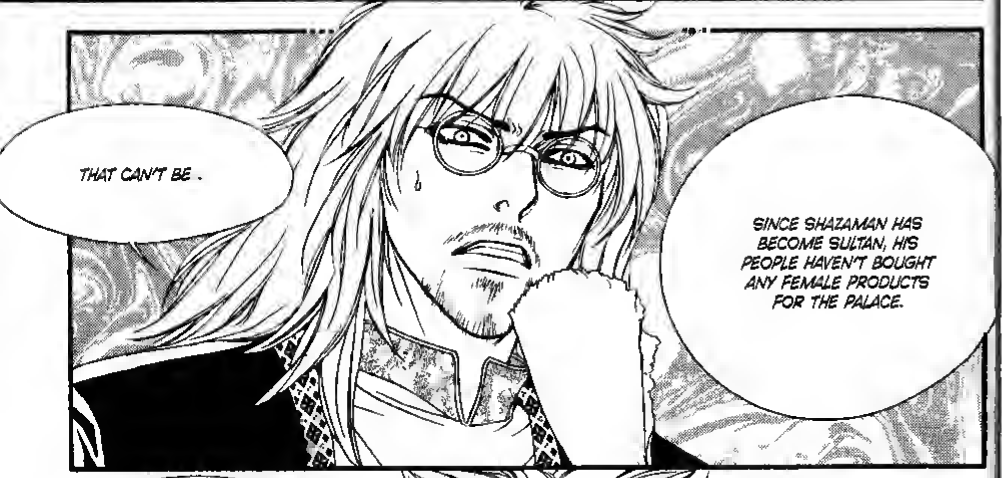
..BUT EVERYONE RELATED TO HER IS LONG DEAD.
EVEN THE PAINTER WHO PAINTED HER PORTRAIT DISAPPEARED AFTER HE FINISHED THE JOB.


I EVEN SEARCHED SAMARKAND FOR INFORMATION BUT COULD NOT FIND A THING.
I WAS UNABLE TO LOCATE ANYONE WHO KNEW ANYTHING ABOUT FATIMA.


DAMN. DID SHE MANAGE TO HIDE EVERY LAST TRACE ..?
THE FACT THAT THERE'S NOTHING TO BE FOUND.
..?

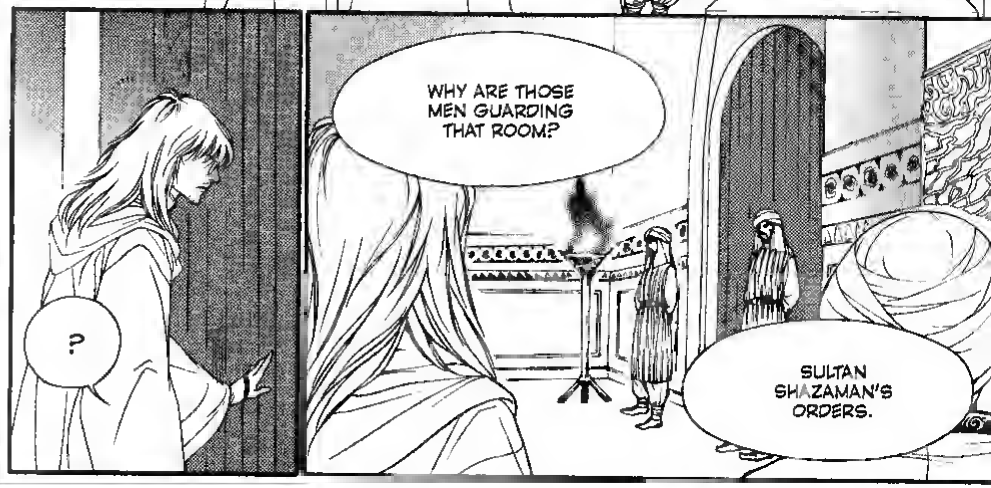

..MEANS WE'VE ACTUALLY FOUND SOMETHING
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?


...SHAZAMAN DOESN'T HAVE A QUEEN OR ANY CONCUBINES
ACCORDING TO THE MERCHANTS WHO SERVICE THE PALACE OF SAMARKAND.


SINCE SHAZAMAN HAS BECOME SULTAN, HIS PEOPLE HAVEN'T BOUGHT ANY FEMALE PRODUCTS FOR THE PALACE.
THAT CAN'T BE.

WELL... I DON'T HAVE ALL THE DETAILS.
A PALACE WITHOUT WOMEN? THEN THE ONE SEHARA SAW WASN'T FATIMA?

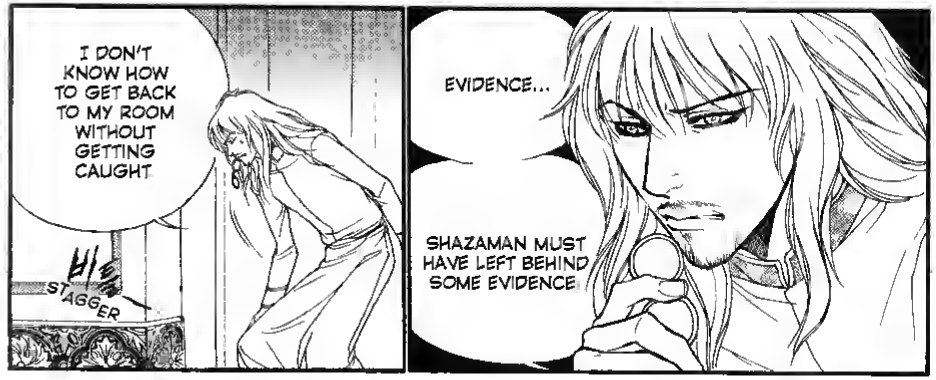
BUT AT LEAST WE KNOW FOR CERTAIN THAT FATIMA'S NOT IN THE PALACE. SHAZAMAN MUST BE HIDING HER SOMEWHERE ELSE!
PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE TO LET ME KNOW IF YOU HAVE NEED OF ANYTHING.


?
WHY ARE THOSE MEN GUARDING THAT ROOM?
SULTAN SHAZAMAN'S ORDERS.

SULTAN SHAZAMAN DOES NOT ALLOW ANYONE TO ENTER THAT ROOM.
.....

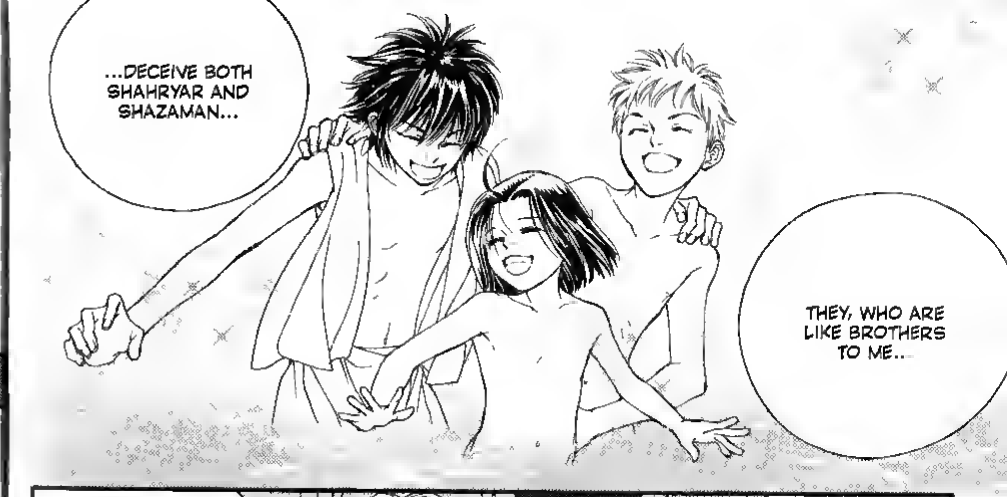
.....
DAMMIT...
DAMMIT, DAMMIT,
DAMMIT, DAMMIT...

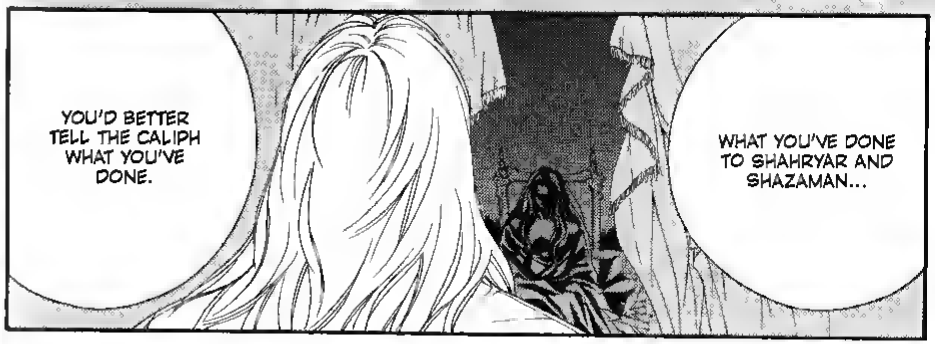
THUD
ARGH!


I DON'T KNOW HOW TO GET BACK TO MY ROOM WITHOUT GETTING CAUGHT
STAGGER
EVIDENCE...
SHAZAMAN MUST HAVE LEFT BEHIND SOME EVIDENCE

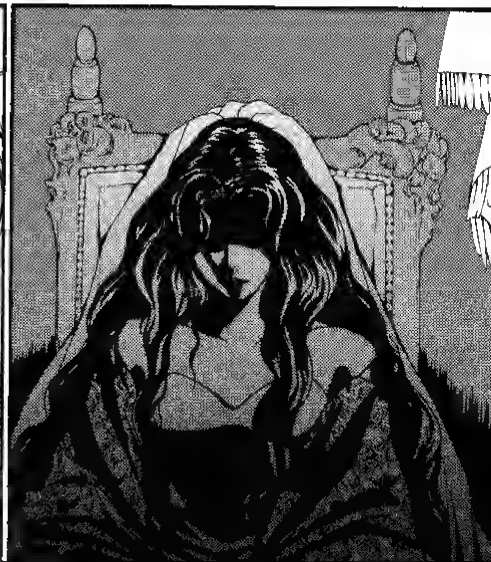
CHILL
!

SWISH
FATIMA?!
YOU WITCH ..
HOW DARE YOU...


...DECEIVE BOTH SHAHRYAR AND SHAZAMAN...
THEY, WHO ARE LIKE BROTHERS TO ME..


YOU'D BETTER TELL THE CALIPH WHAT YOU'VE DONE.
WHAT YOU'VE DONE TO SHAHRYAR AND SHAZAMAN...

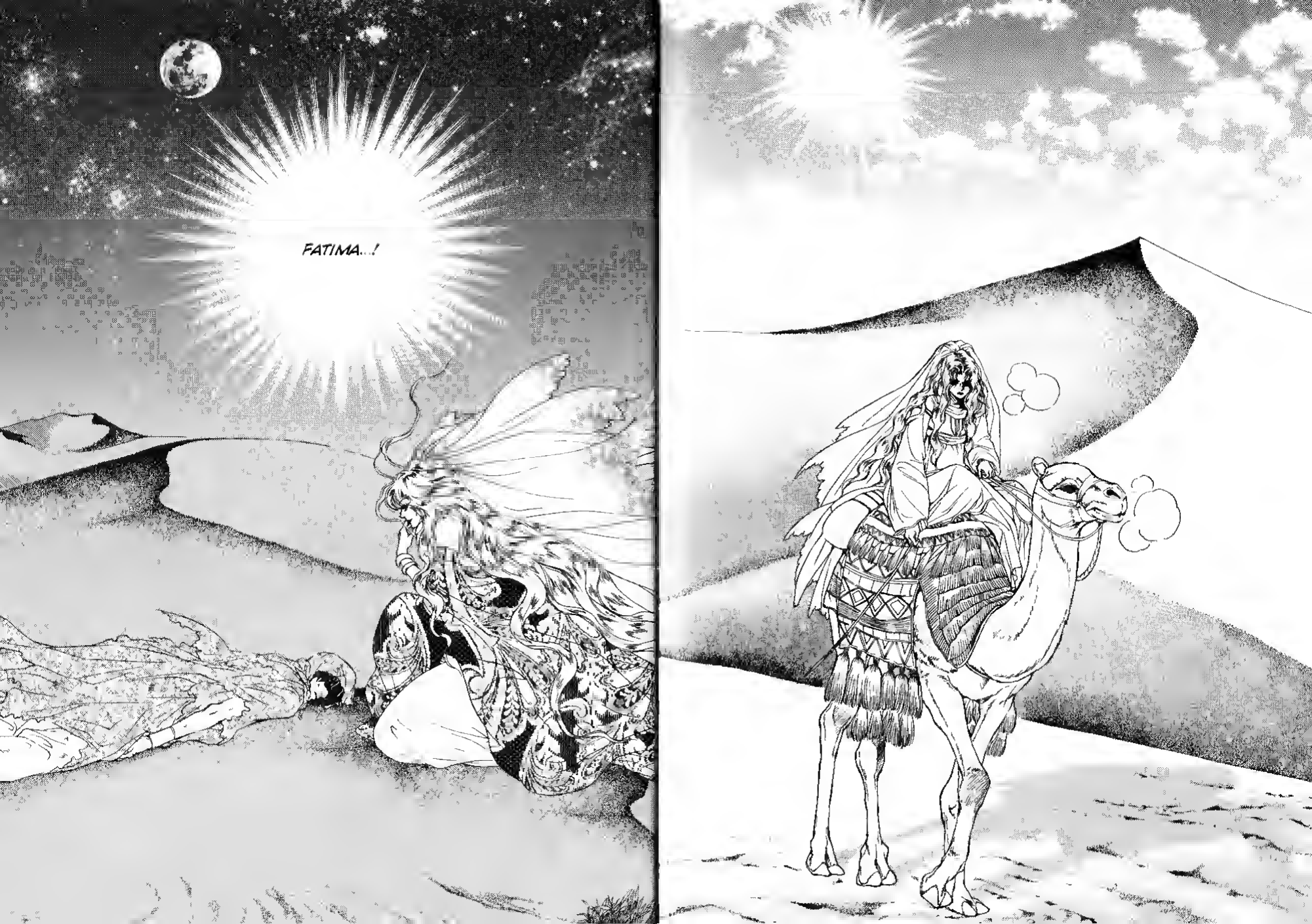
IF YOU REFUSE, I WILL KILL YOU WITH MY OWN BARE HANDS.



HMPH
SAY..
!!
...SOME-
THIIIING!

WH-WHAT
THE — ?!!

THIS HAIR IS
DYED BLONDE
..?


FATIMA...!

SHHHK
WH-
-WHUMP

SORRY.
OHH?
ARE YOU STILL ALIVE?

I'M SORRY...

THAT'S GOOD TO KNOW.

FATIMA...
I LOVED YOU.
I REALLY LOVED YOU..
.....
I KNOW THAT.
YOU WERE MY OASIS.
I KNOW.
SO...
...STOP TALKING ABOUT IT.
EVEN IF I SURVIVE THIS, I'LL NEVER FEEL THE SAME FOR ANYONE ELSE.
STOP...
STOP IT...!

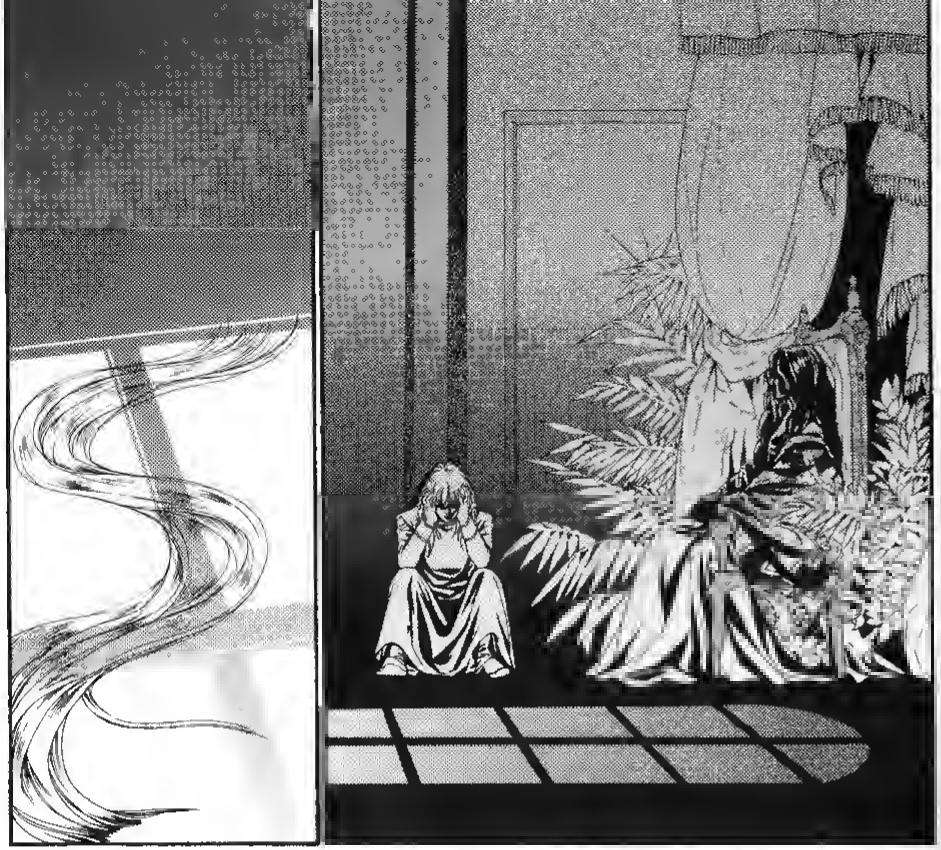
I WISH YOU HAPPINESS.
KRAKOOM
ENOUGH!!
.....

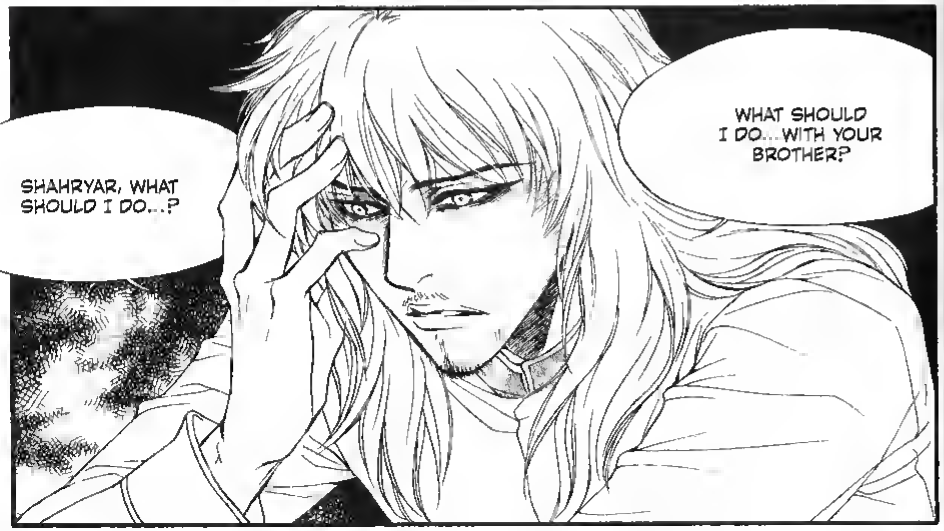
SNAHRYAR, YOU DIDN'T DO ANYTHING WRONG.
.....
I KNEW NOW MUCH YOU LOVED ME, AND...
...I DIDN'T ENJOY HURTING YOU AT ALL.
FATIMA...
THERE, ARE YOU SATISFIED?
DID YOU FEIGN REMORSE...
...JUST TO HEAR ME SAY THAT?
FATIMA...

YES! IT'S ALL MY FAULT!
BOTH YOU AND YOUR FATHER WERE DECEIVED BY ME!
THAT'S WHAT I WANTED! SO WHAT?
FATIMA... THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEANT. I WAS JUST..
FATIMA IS DEAD.
HERE...
.....
WHAT?
SHE DIED HERE IN THIS DESERT.

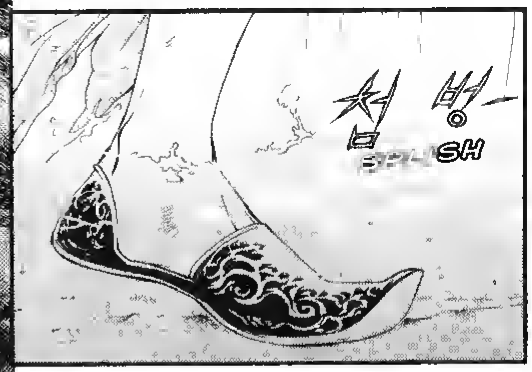
.....!!
...DO NOT EXPECT REPENTANCE.
SO...
WHOOOOOO
POOR MAN...
CURSES...
SMILE
DRIP
DRIP DRIP DRIP
I SHOULDN'T CRY HERE...

SSHHHHHHH




SHAHRYAR, WHAT SHOULD I DO...?
WHAT SHOULD I DO...WITH YOUR BROTHER?

SHHHHHHHH

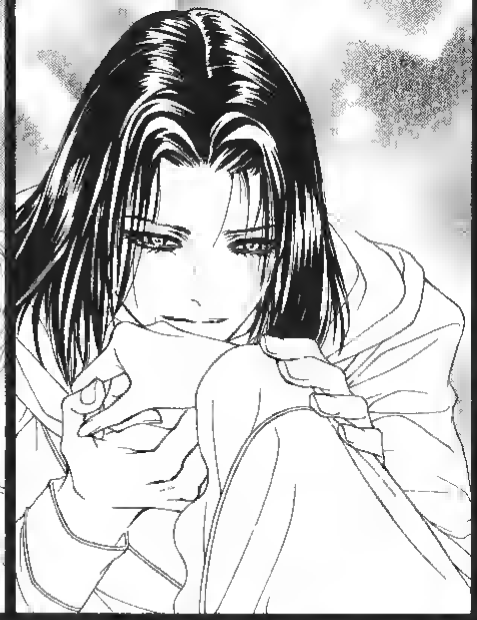

SH
SPLASH

SHHHH

THIS IS THE FIRST RAINFALL IN FIVE YEARS.

I WAS WAITING FOR THIS DESERT TO TURN YOU INTO A MUMMY...
...BUT LUCK ALWAYS SEEMS TO BE ON YOUR SIDE!
THAT IS WHY I DISLIKE YOU...
SHAZAMAN...
DID FATIMA...
...DIE HERE?

KAA.
-CHUK



FATIMA..

...DIDN'T DIE!

AHHHHHH!
SHHHK
COME OOON!
SHA-ZAMAN...
DROP THE SWORD!
IT'S TOO DANGEROUS—
KRRAKOOOM
KRRA
KOOM
AH!
OH, ALLAAAH~!
NEIGH
YOU STUPID MORONS! COME BACK!
SHAZAMAN!

KRA-KOOM
KRRRRRRRR

WHOO-
SHHH

!

SHAZAMAAAAN!
!

SHAZAMAAAAN!

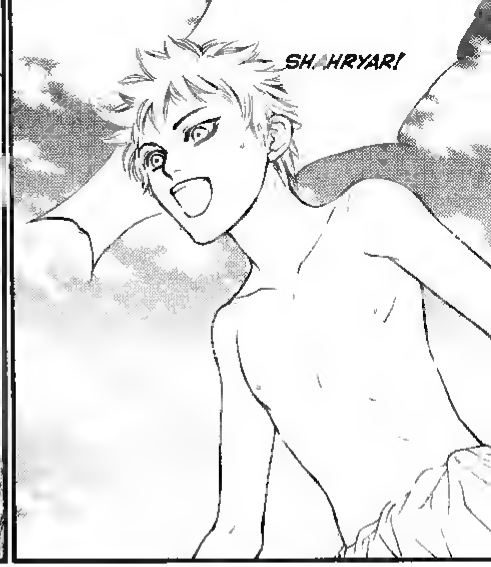
EI
GRAB

HOLD ON!
I'LL SAVE YOU!
KRRSHHH

HELP MEEE!
STOP STRUGGLING AND RELAX YOUR BODY!
IF YOU KEEP IT UP, BOTH OF US'LL DIE!
GULP

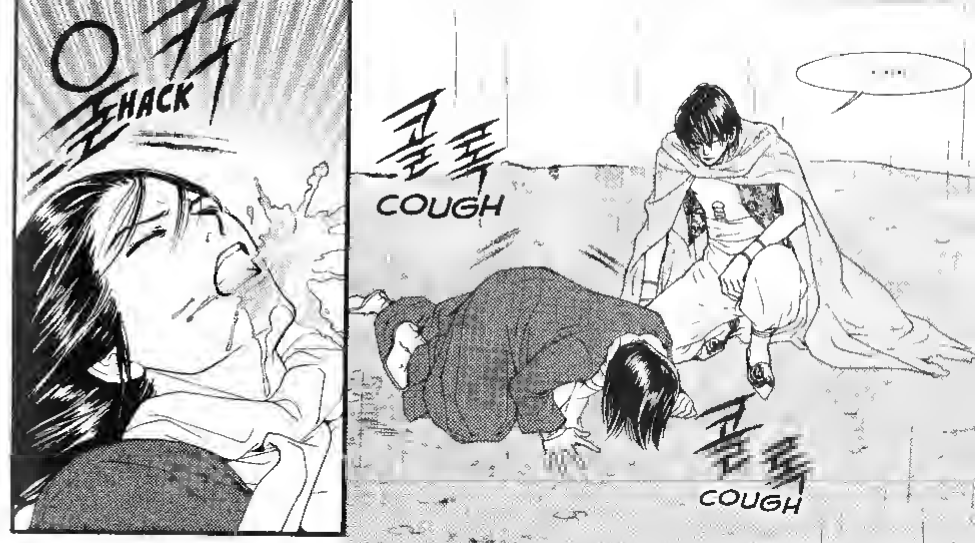
SHAHRYAR...
SHAZAMAN...

HAAAH!
KYAAAA


SHAHRYAR!

H-HE'S NOT BREATHING!

.....
PANT
PANT
PANT


HACK
COUGH
COUGH

HUFF
HUFF

I ALWAYS FELT GUILTY ABOUT YOU.
SHHHHH
BECAUSE I WAS THE ONE WHO TOOK MOTHER FROM YOU.
WHENEVER I THOUGHT OF HER...
...I FELT I OWED YOU. YOU DIDN'T DO ANYTHING WRONG..
BUT ONCE AGAIN, BECAUSE OF ME...
...EVERYONE BECAME UNHAPPY.

I CAN UNDERSTAND THE PAIN YOU AND FATIMA FELT.
BUT WE ARE SULTANS WHO MUST PROTECT OUR LAND, OUR RELIGION AND THE PEOPLE OF OUR KINGDOM.
WE'VE FORGOTTEN ABOUT OUR DUTIES BECAUSE WE ONLY THOUGHT ABOUT OUR OWN FEELINGS.
.....

TOK
TAKE THAT DAGGER.
.....
I AM NO LONGER THE SULTAN OF BAGHDAD.
I WILL TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR WHAT HAPPENED IN THE PAST...
...BUT YOU ARE THE ONE WHO WILL LEAD US INTO THE FUTURE.

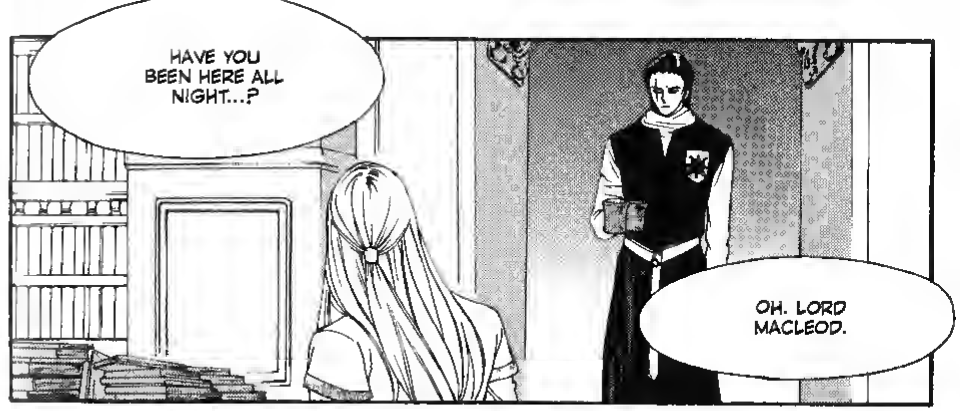
I APOLOGIZE FOR NOT BEING AN OLDER BROTHER IN WHOM YOU COULD TAKE PRIDE.
SHAZAMAN... MY BROTHER...
...CAN YOU EVER FORGIVE ME?
START

SHA...
ZA ..
NOW...
I FORGIVE
YOU.
...MAN.

HI
EIN
WOBBLE
SAY HELLO TO
FATHER FOR ME
KRRSHHH

HA-HA-HA-HA.
.....
THUS SPAKE LAMECH, SON OF CAIN, THE FIRST MURDERER —
HA
HA
HA
HA
HA
HA
"...HEARKEN UNTO MY SPEECH: FOR I HAVE SLAIN A MAN TO MY WOUNDING...
"...AND A YOUNG MAN TO MY HURT"
"IF CAIN SHALL BE AVENGED SEVENFOLD...
KRAKOOM
". TRULY LAMECH SEVENTY AND SEVENFOLD!"*

JOLT
.....
SHHH

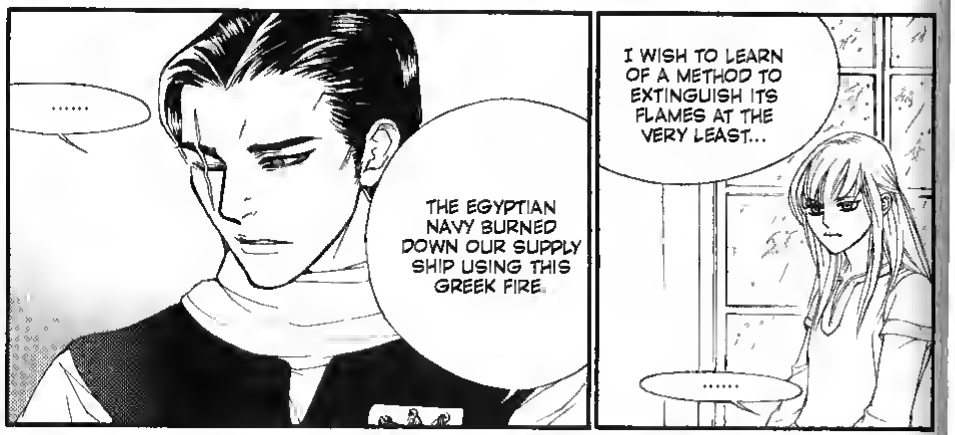

HAVE YOU BEEN HERE ALL NIGHT...?
OH. LORD MACLEOD.

HERE, THIS BLACK BEVERAGE IS RATHER BITTER, BUT IT WILL WAKE YOU RIGHT UP.
IT IS KNOWN AS COFFEE.

IT SMELLS LOVELY...

.....

YOU ASKED ME TO RESEARCH "THE FIRE THAT CAN NEVER BE EXTINGUISHED." IT IS CALLED "GREEK FIRE."
I DISCOVERED THAT IT IS A SUBSTANCE WHICH CAN START A FIRE THAT CANNOT BE PUT OUT BY WATER.
BUT I HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO WORK OUT ITS FORMULATION.


.....
THE EGYPTIAN NAVY BURNED DOWN OUR SUPPLY SHIP USING THIS GREEK FIRE.
I WISH TO LEARN OF A METHOD TO EXTINGUISH ITS FLAMES AT THE VERY LEAST...
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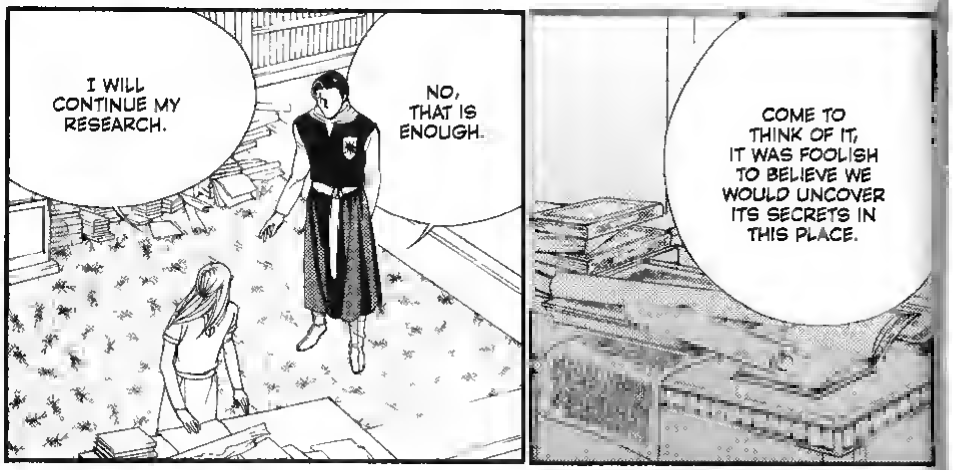
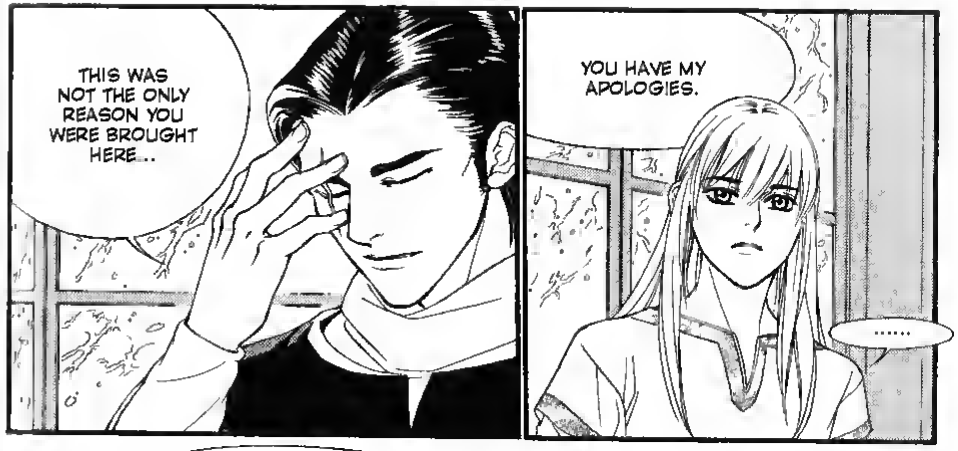

I WILL CONTINUE MY RESEARCH.
NO, THAT IS ENOUGH.
COME TO THINK OF IT, IT WAS FOOLISH TO BELIEVE WE WOULD UNCOVER ITS SECRETS IN THIS PLACE.


THIS WAS NOT THE ONLY REASON YOU WERE BROUGHT HERE...
YOU HAVE MY APOLOGIES.
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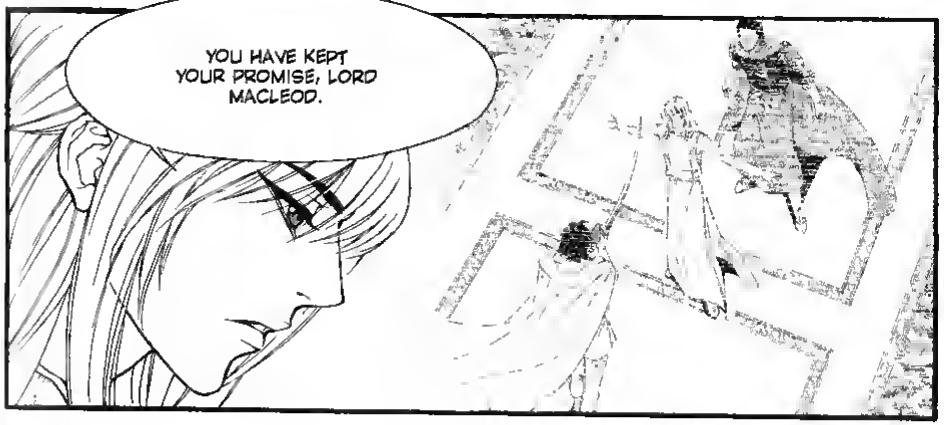
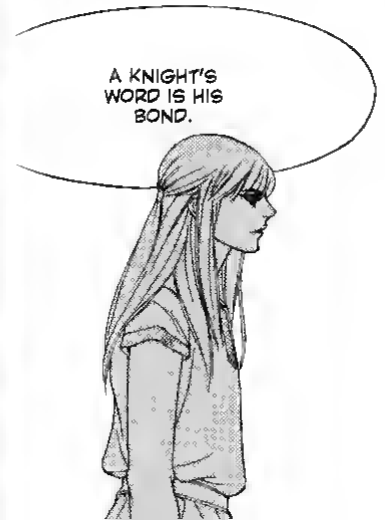
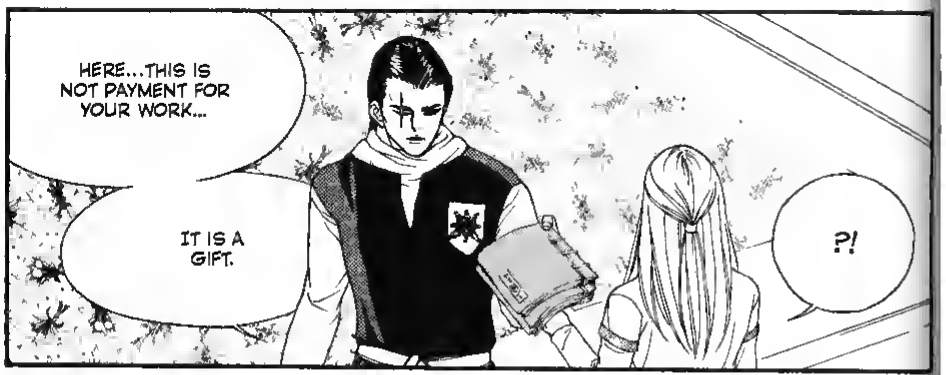
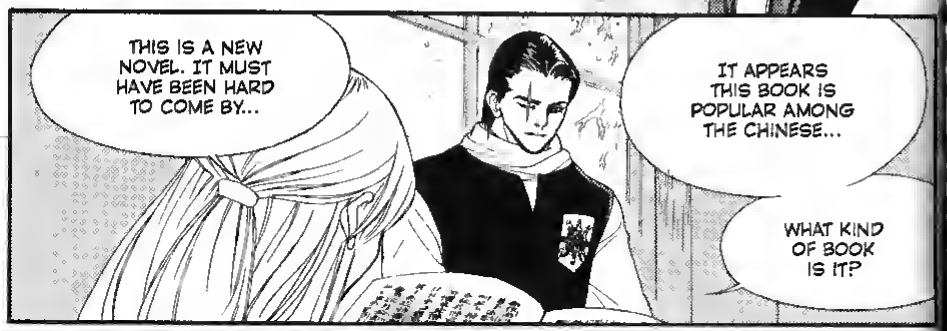

YOU HAVE KEPT YOUR PROMISE, LORD MACLEOD.


A KNIGHT'S WORD IS HIS BOND.

THE PROMISE MUST BE KEPT.


HERE...THIS IS NOT PAYMENT FOR YOUR WORK...
IT IS A GIFT.
?!

OH! THANK YOU!
YOU ARE WELCOME I WANTED TO GIVE YOU THIS AT LEAST.

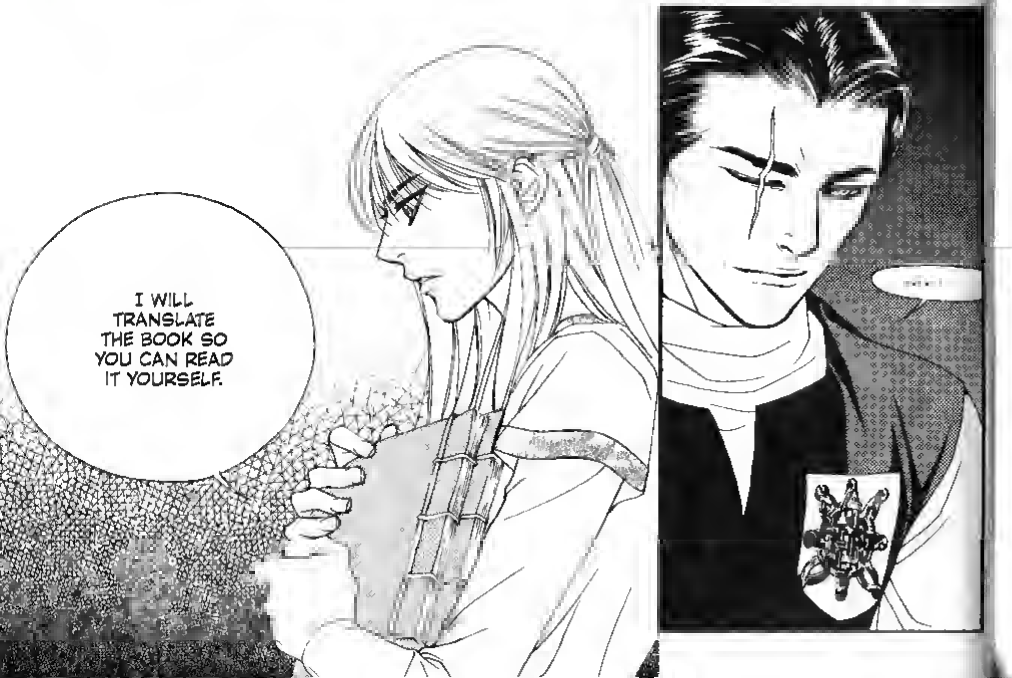

THIS IS A NEW NOVEL. IT MUST HAVE BEEN HARD TO COME BY...
IT APPEARS THIS BOOK IS POPULAR AMONG THE CHINESE...
WHAT KIND OF BOOK IS IT?

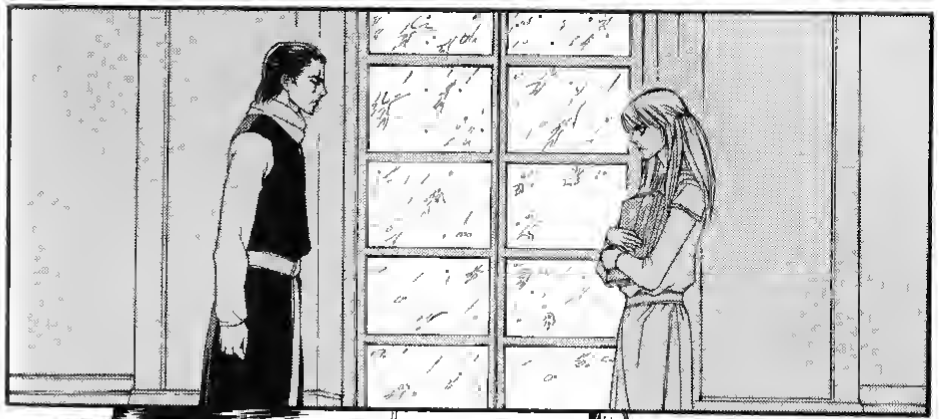
SAN KUO CHIH YEN-I..
THE ROMANCE OF THE THREE KINGDOMS.
A THOUSAND YEARS AGO, THERE WERE THREE KINGDOMS IN CHINA THAT WERE AT WAR AGAINST EACH OTHER.

THIS BOOK IS ABOUT THE HEROES OF THOSE THREE KINGDOMS.
IT IS A TALE RECOUNTING THEIR BRAVERY, WISDOM, AND LOYALTY.

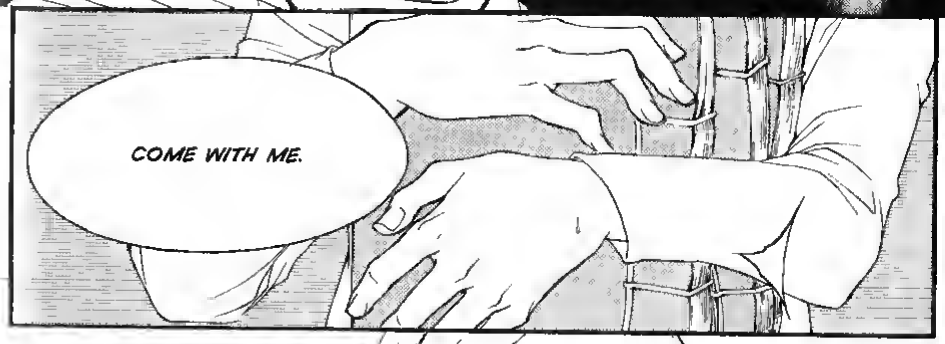
SO YOU MEAN TO SAY IT IS THE TALE OF CHINESE KNIGHTS OF OLD?
YES, IT IS NEWLY WRITTEN, WITH BI YOO OF CHOK AS THE PROTAGONIST.
A STORY OF HEROES... I TOO AM CURIOUS...

ONCE YOU FINISH THIS BOOK, WILL YOU TELL ME THE STORY?
PAUSE


I WILL TRANSLATE THE BOOK SO YOU CAN READ IT YOURSELF.

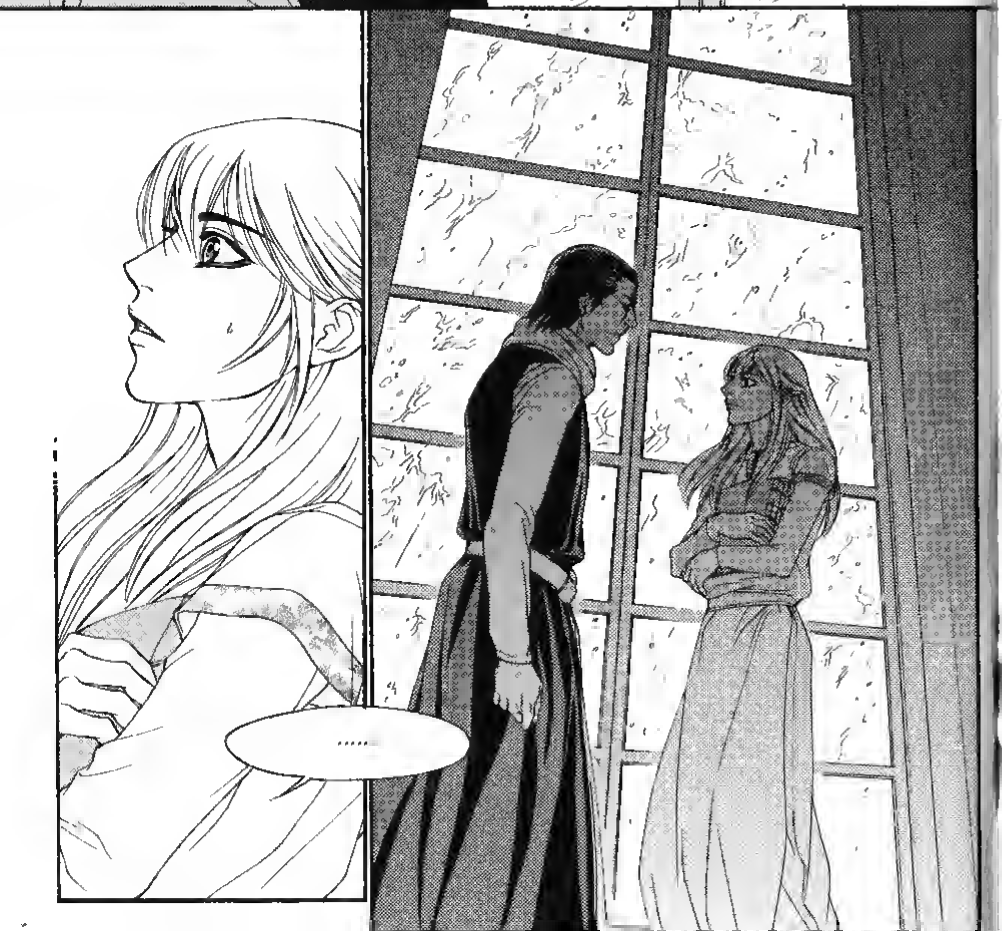


IF I SUCCEED IN DEFENDING JERUSALEM FROM ISLAM...
...I WILL RETURN TO MY COUNTRY.


COME WITH ME.

I...I FEAR YOUR REPUTATION WILL SUFFER IF YOU ALLOW A PAGAN SUCH AS I TO SERVE YOU.

A KNIGHT'S WORD
IS HIS BOND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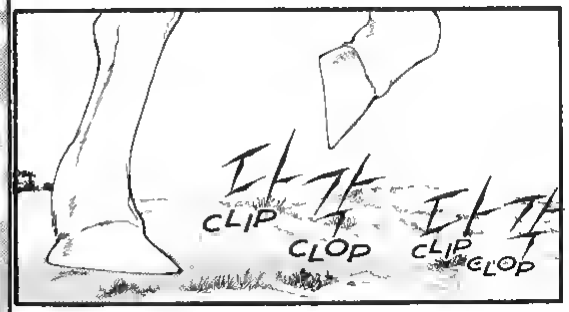
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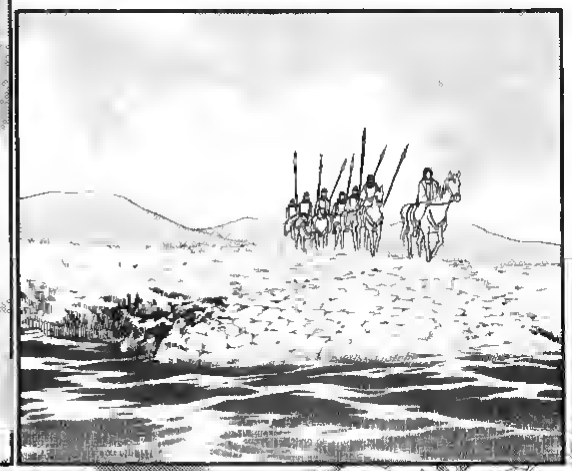
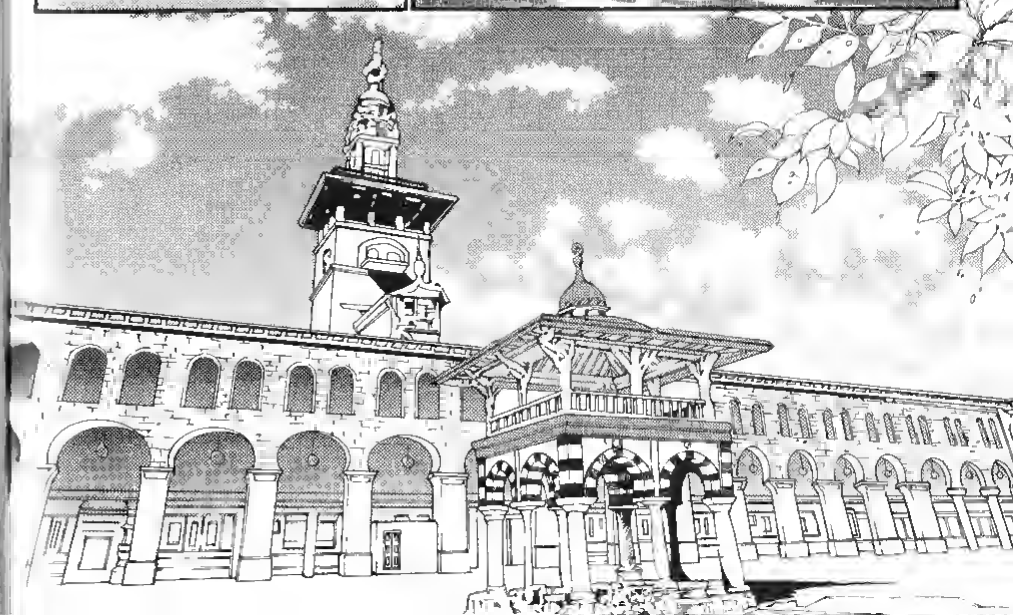
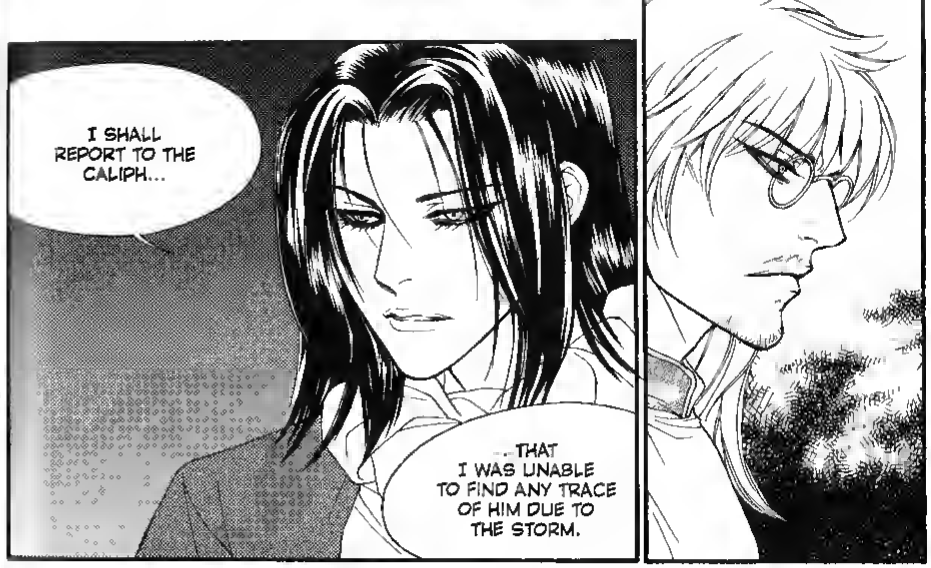
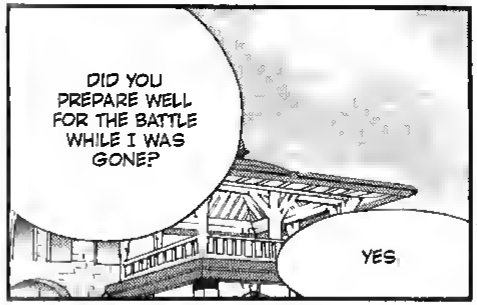
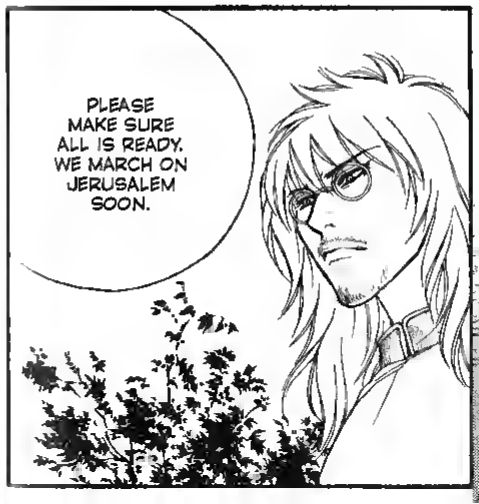




WHERE IS SHAHRYAR?


I SHALL REPORT TO THE CALIPH...
...THAT I WAS UNABLE TO FIND ANY TRACE OF HIM DUE TO THE STORM.


DID YOU PREPARE WELL FOR THE BATTLE WHILE I WAS GONE?
YES


PLEASE MAKE SURE ALL IS READY. WE MARCH ON JERUSALEM SOON.

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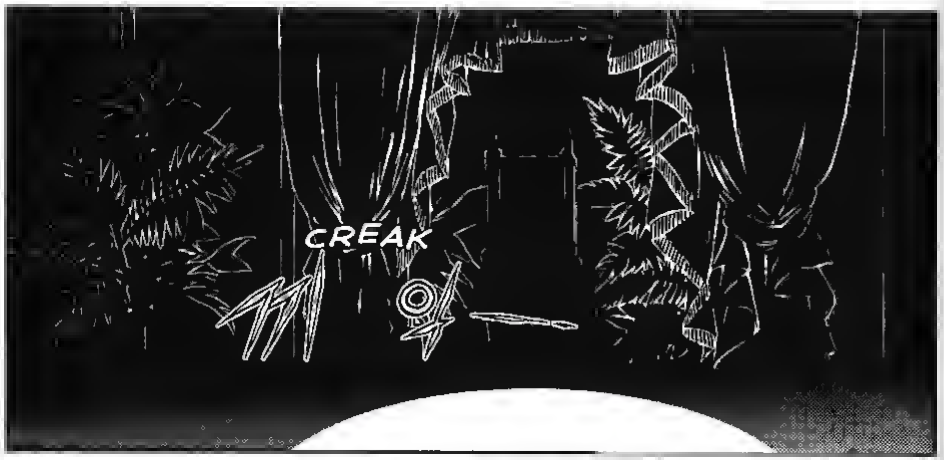
One thousand and one nights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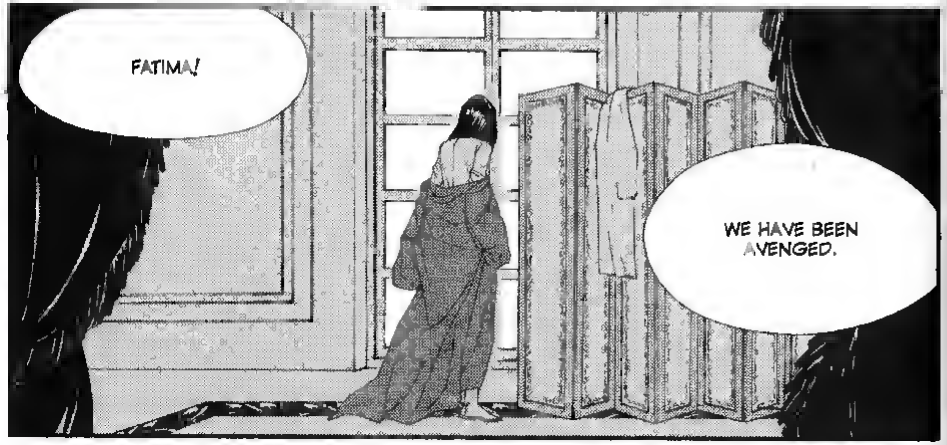

FATIMA!
WE HAVE BEEN AVENGED.

SHAHRYAR IS DEAD.
I DID IT WITH THIS DAGGER...

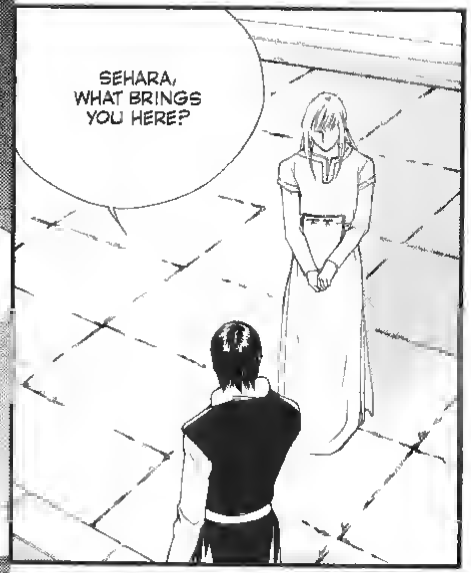
UNFORTUNATELY, WE CAN'T CELEBRATE...
...BEFORE I LEAVE FOR JERUSALEM...

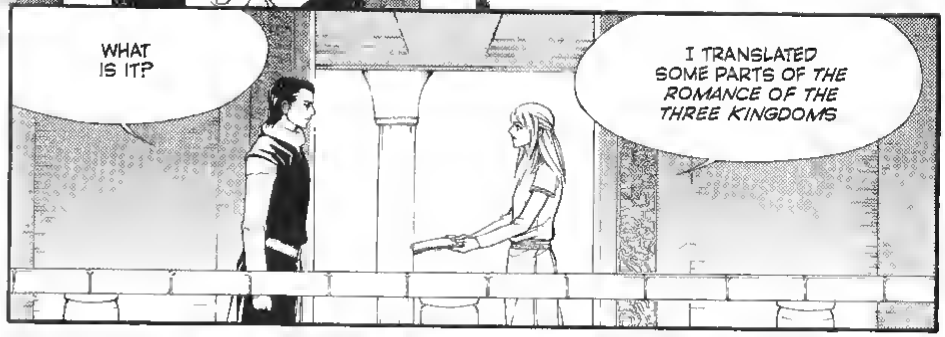
BUT WHEN THE WAR IS OVER, YOU CAN HAVE A BABY AS YOU'D WISHED.
.....
FATIMA?

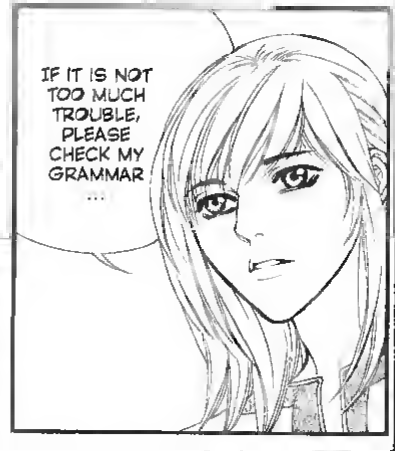
WHA-
-CHAK
THE PREPARATIONS HAVE BEEN MADE.
FATIMAAA!
BAM
WHAT DID YOU DO WITH FATIMAAA?!!
.....
DIG
FATIMAAA!
FATIMA!
HANG IN THERE...
...I'LL GET YOU OUT!
DIG
DIG
FATIMAAA!

PAUSE
NOOOOO!!
I WILL KILL HIIIIIM!
...I WILL KILL HIM...

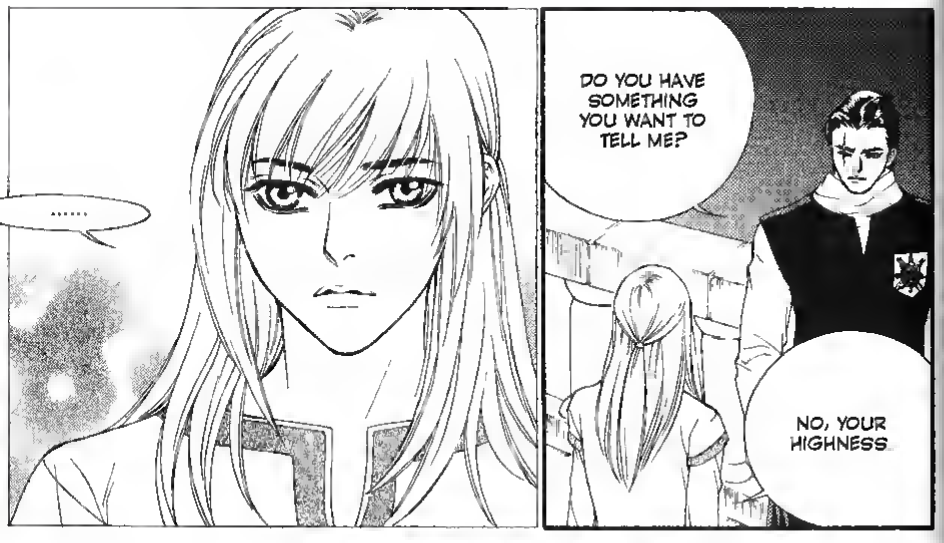
LORD MACLEOD


SEHARA, WHAT BRINGS YOU HERE?


WHAT IS IT?
I TRANSLATED SOME PARTS OF *THE ROMANCE OF THE THREE KINGDOMS*


IF IT IS NOT TOO MUCH TROUBLE, PLEASE CHECK MY GRAMMAR ...

YOU WERE ABLE TO TRANSLATE THIS MUCH IN A DAY... AMAZING!
I HAVE ONLY READ OVER IT ONCE, SO THE TRANSLATIONS MIGHT LEAVE SOMETHING TO BE DESIRED.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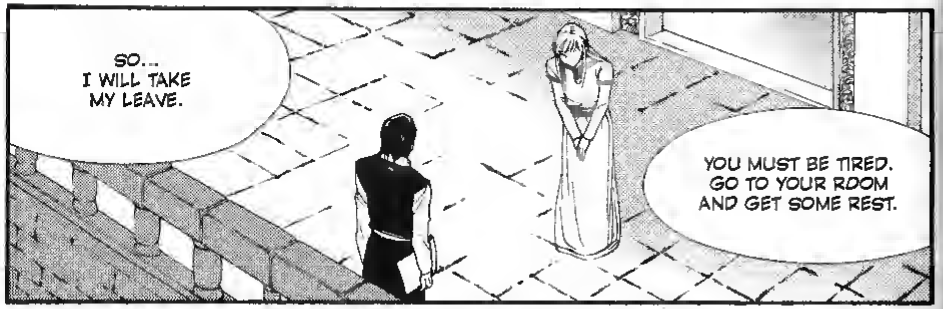
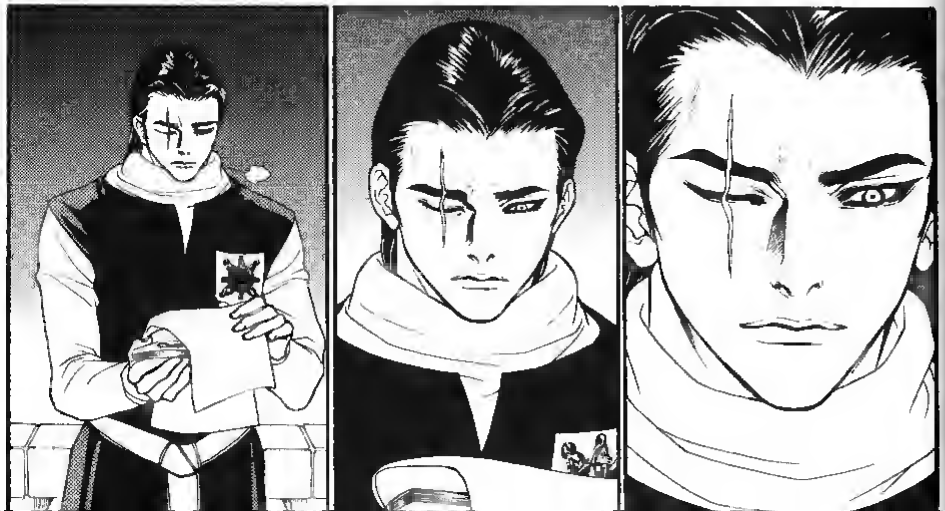
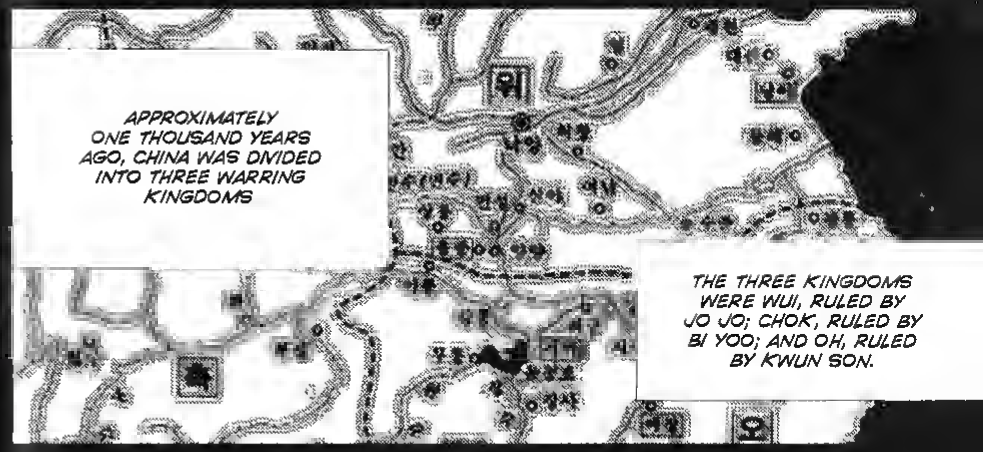
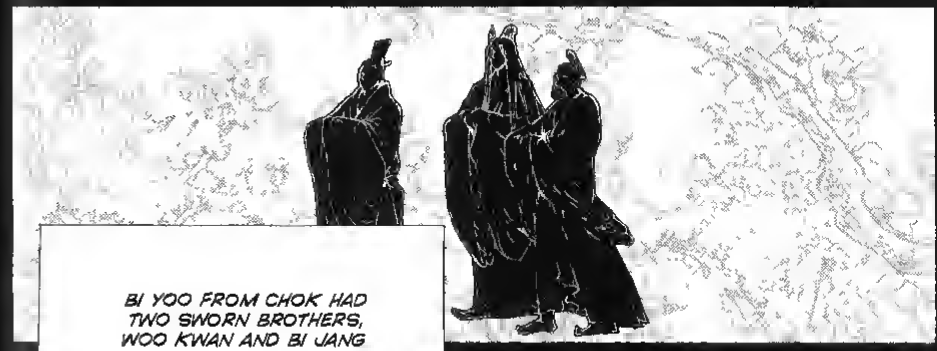
DO YOU HAVE SOMETHING YOU WANT TO TELL ME?
NO, YOUR HIGHNESS


SO... I WILL TAKE MY LEAVE.
YOU MUST BE TIRED. GO TO YOUR ROOM AND GET SOME REST.

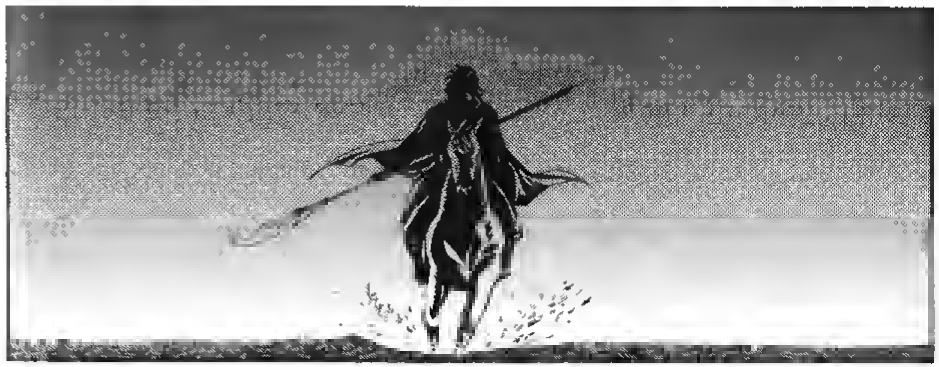


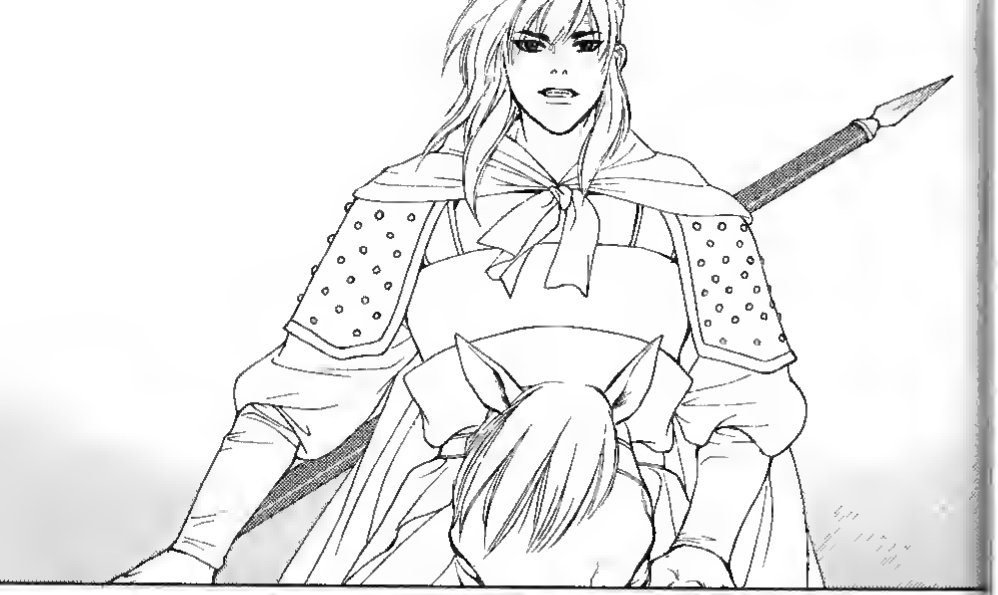

APPROXIMATELY ONE THOUSAND YEARS AGO, CHINA WAS DIVIDED INTO THREE WARRING KINGDOMS
THE THREE KINGDOMS WERE WUI, RULED BY JO JO; CHOK, RULED BY BI YOO; AND OH, RULED BY KWUN SON.

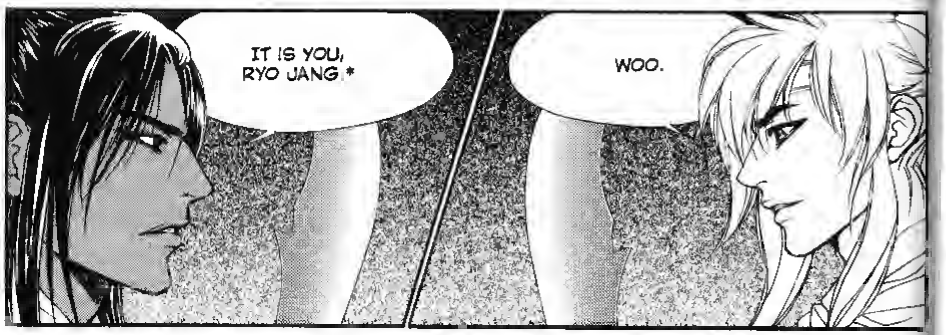

BI YOO FROM CHOK HAD TWO SWORN BROTHERS, WOO KWAN AND BI JANG

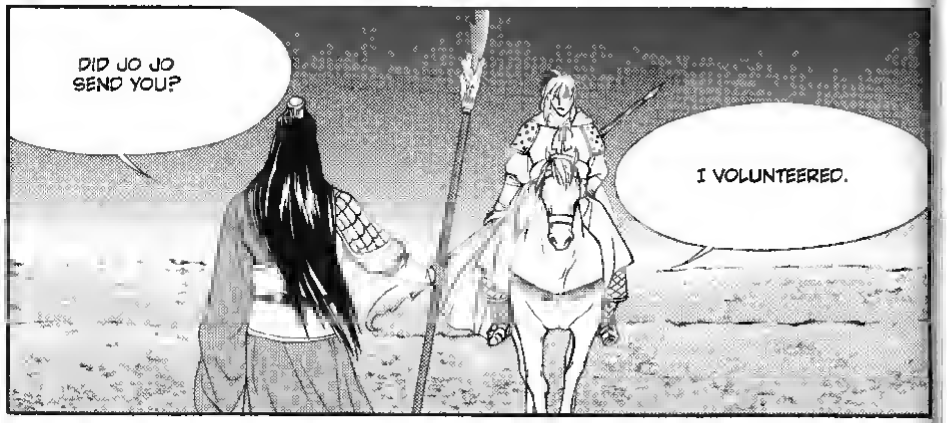
AMONG THE THREE SWORN BROTHERS, WOO KWAN WAS THE KINDEST AND BRAVEST. HE WAS RESPECTED BY NOT ONLY HIS PEOPLE, BUT ALSO HIS ENEMIES.

IN THE YEAR 199, BI YOO FAILED TO ASSASSINATE JO JO, AND HE WAS ON THE RUN.
SEOJOO (HABI)
I CANNOT BELIEVE WE WERE TRICKED BY JO JO AND THAT HE HAS TAKEN PORT HABI, ALONG WITH BI'S FAMILY.
I AM TOO ASHAMED TO LOOK BI IN THE EYE.
SOMEONE APPROACHES!



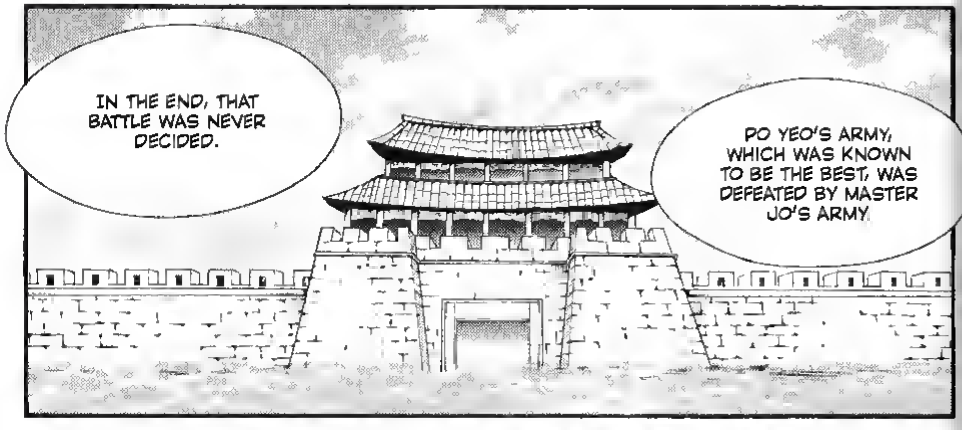


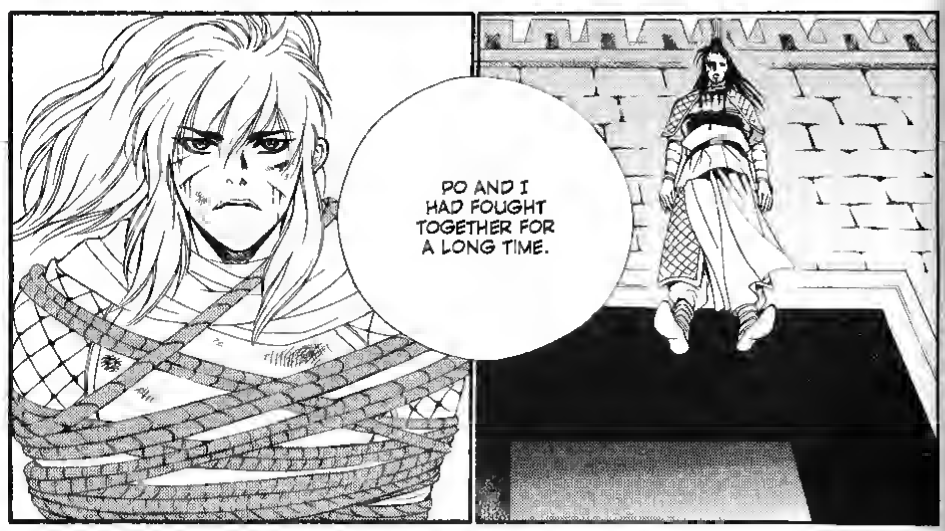


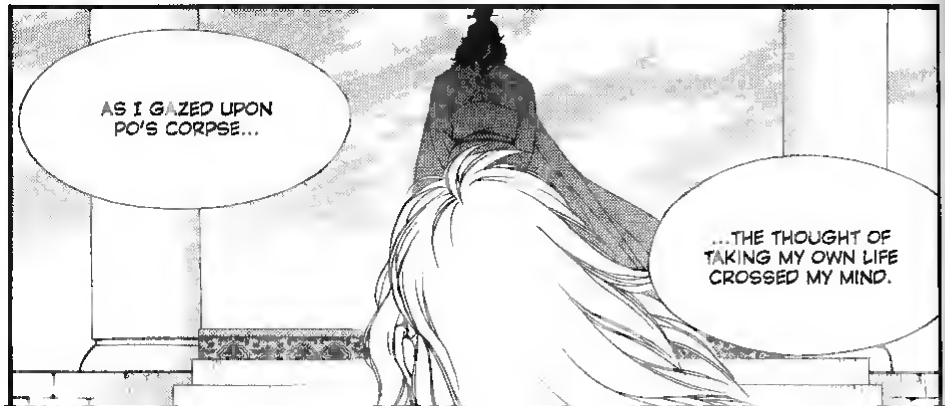


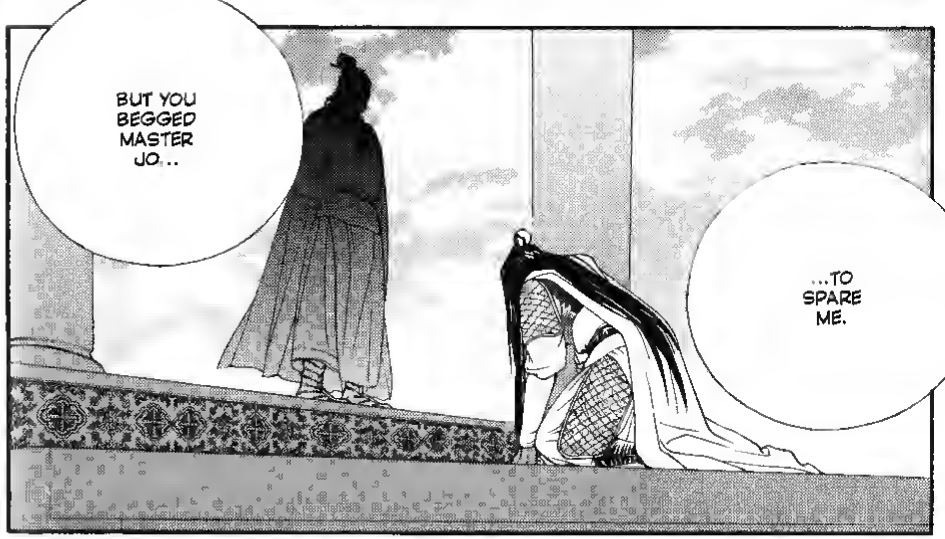
*RYO JANG: A FAMOUS GENERAL FROM WUI WHO FOUGHT FOR TAK DONG AND PO YEO, BUT WAS LOYAL TO JO JO AFTER PO YEO'S DEATH. BEING FROM THE SAME AREA, HE ADMIRED AND WAS CLOSE TO HUO KWAI.

BACK THEN, YOU WERE A GENERAL OF MASTER JO'S ARMY...
WHENEVER MY SWORD MET YOURS, I FELT A GREAT REVERBERATION THROUGHOUT MY WHOLE BODY.


IN THE END, THAT BATTLE WAS NEVER DECIDED.
PO YEO'S ARMY, WHICH WAS KNOWN TO BE THE BEST, WAS DEFEATED BY MASTER JO'S ARMY.


PO AND I HAD FOUGHT TOGETHER FOR A LONG TIME.


AS I GAZED UPON PO'S CORPSE...
...THE THOUGHT OF TAKING MY OWN LIFE CROSSED MY MIND.


BUT YOU BEGGED MASTER JO...
...TO SPARE ME.

YOU'RE PROUD, AND I DIDN'T THINK...
...YOU WOULD BOW DOWN BEFORE MASTER JO...

YOU WERE WORTH THE EFFORT.
AND I AM SURE YOUR MASTER, JO JO, KNOWS THAT THE BEST.
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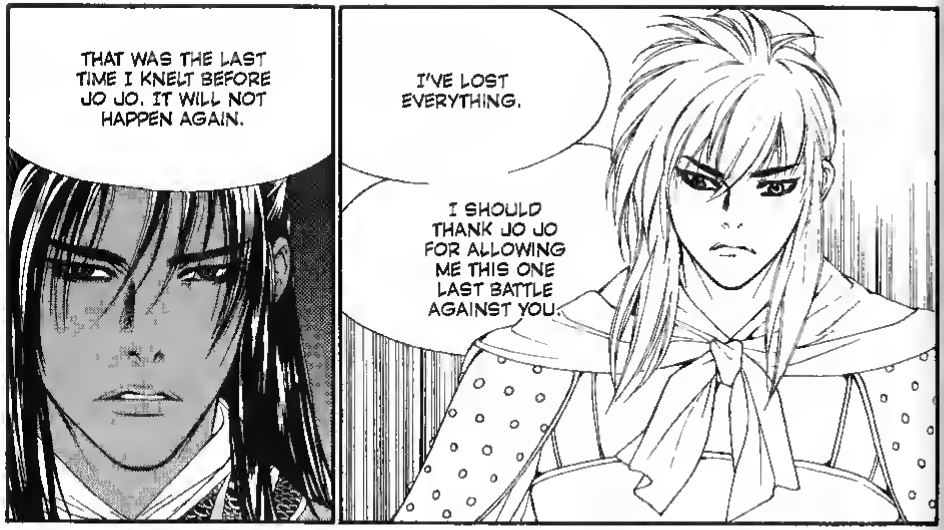
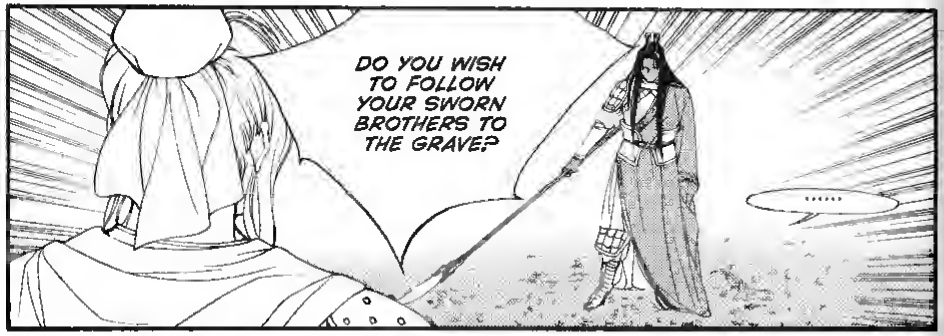

THAT WAS THE LAST TIME I KNELT BEFORE JO JO. IT WILL NOT HAPPEN AGAIN.
I'VE LOST EVERYTHING.
I SHOULD THANK JO JO FOR ALLOWING ME THIS ONE LAST BATTLE AGAINST YOU.


DO YOU WISH TO FOLLOW YOUR SWORN BROTHERS TO THE GRAVE?
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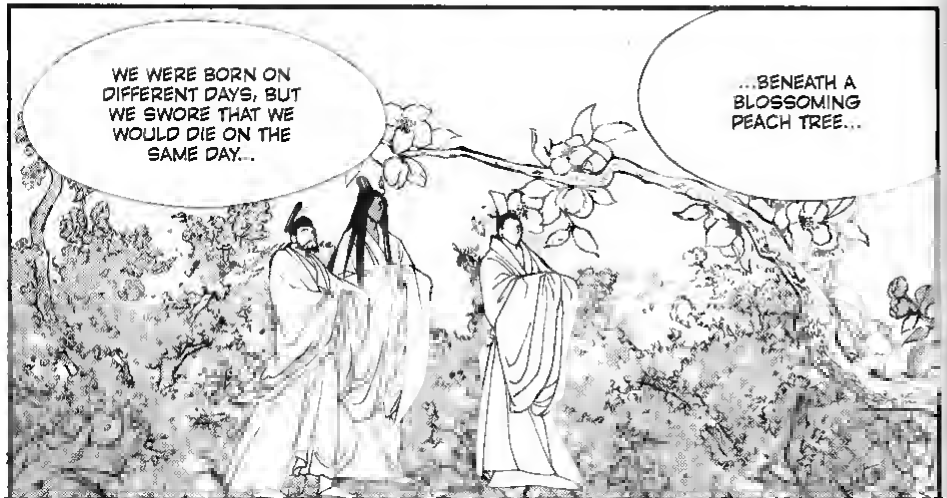
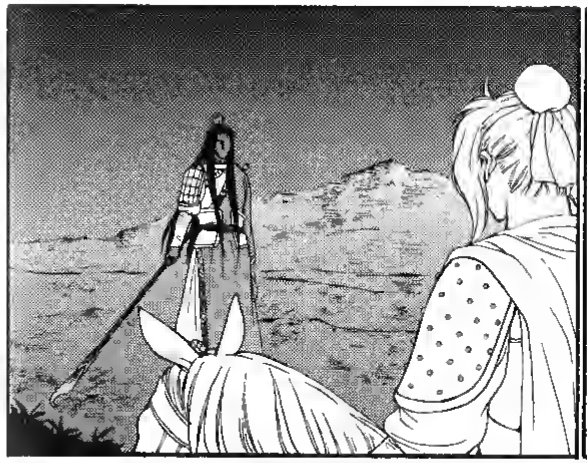

WE WERE BORN ON DIFFERENT DAYS, BUT WE SWORE THAT WE WOULD DIE ON THE SAME DAY...
...BENEATH A BLOSSOMING PEACH TREE...



BI YOO AND BI JANG. .

...MAY STILL BE ALIVE.
!!

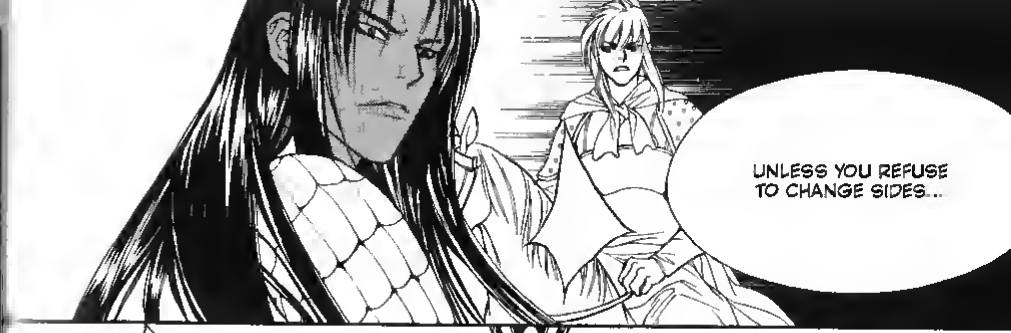
EVEN THOUGH THEIR ARMY WAS LOST...NO ONE HAS SEEN THEIR BODIES.

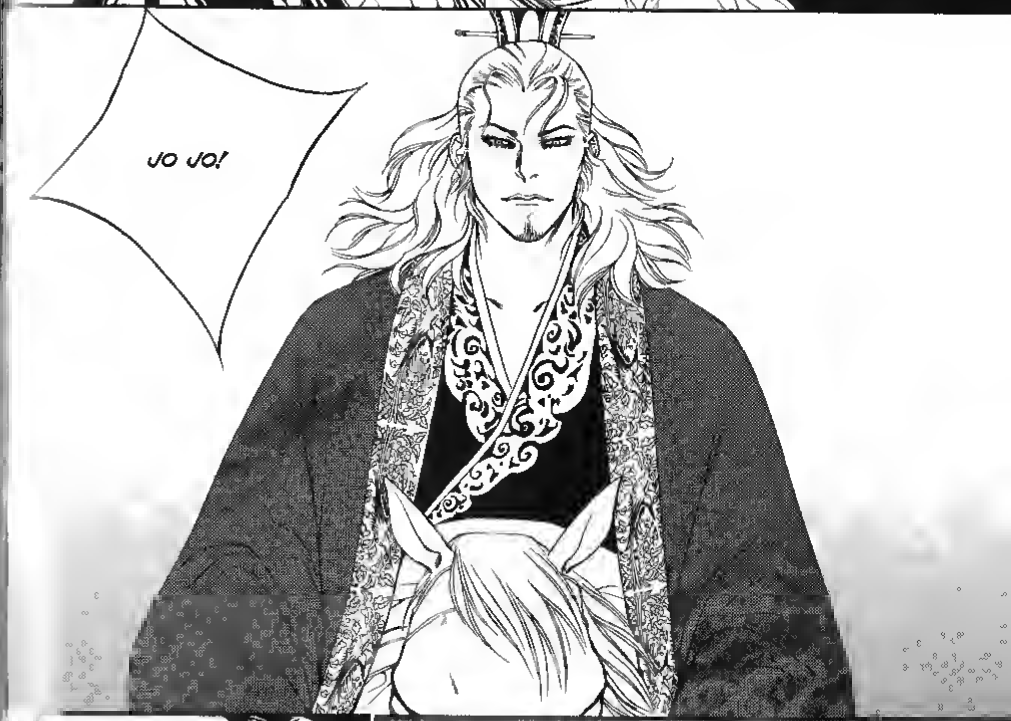
YOUR DEATH WOULD BE IN VAIN, AND YOU WOULD DO WRONG BY YOUR BROTHERS IF THEY STILL LIVE!

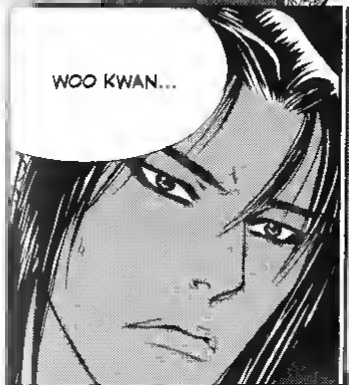
YOU WOULD ALSO DO WRONG BY ME.

RYO...

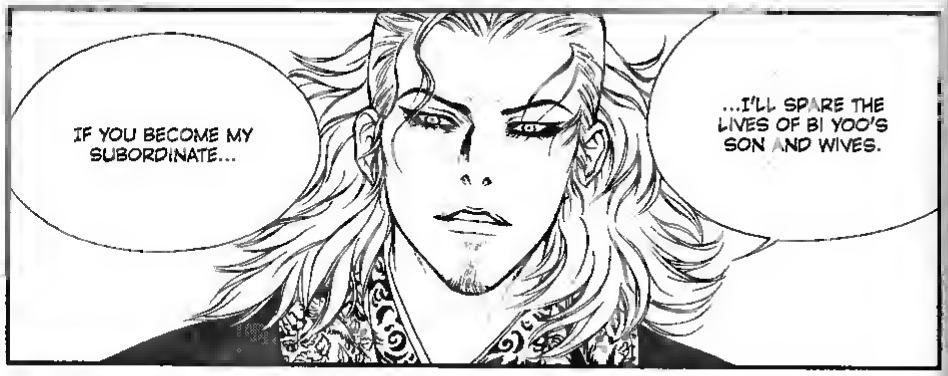
PLEASE COME WITH ME AND SURRENDER TO MASTER JO.
MASTER JO RESPECTS YOU.


UNLESS YOU REFUSE TO CHANGE SIDES...


JO JO!


WOO KWAN...

JOIN ME.


IF YOU BECOME MY SUBORDINATE...
...I'LL SPARE THE LIVES OF BI YOO'S SON AND WIVES.

COWARD..
ARE YOU GOING TO USE THEM AS LEVERAGE?

BI YOO WOULDN'T CARE IF I THREATENED TO KILL HIS FAMILY.

BUT YOU'RE DIFFERENT...
AM I NOT RIGHT?

.....

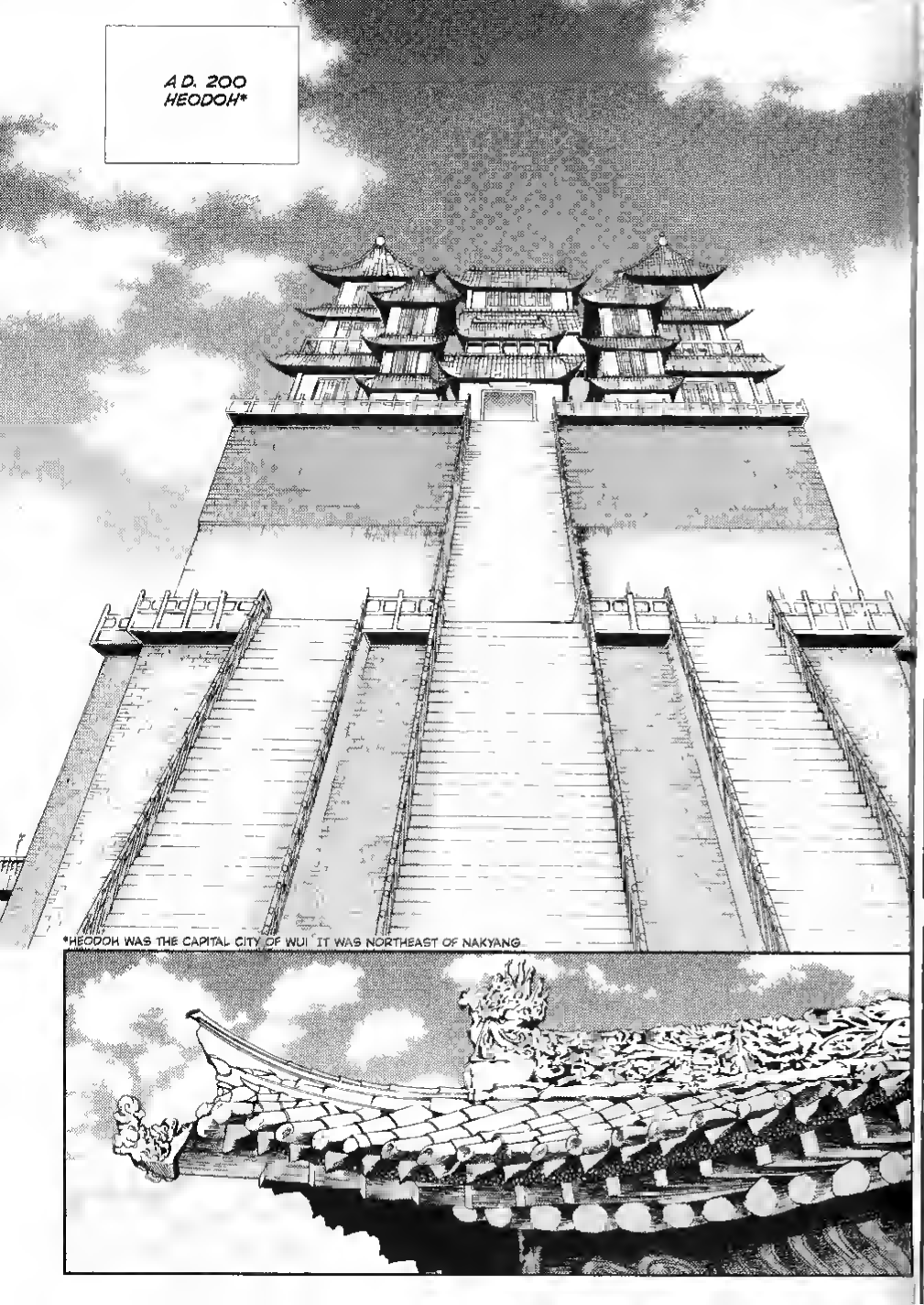
FINE...

UNTIL I DISCOVER THE FATE OF MY SWORN BROTHERS...
.. I WILL DO AS YOU WISH.

GOOD DECISION, WOO!
.....

WHAT IF.. YOUR BROTHERS ARE DEAD?

STORY OF MEN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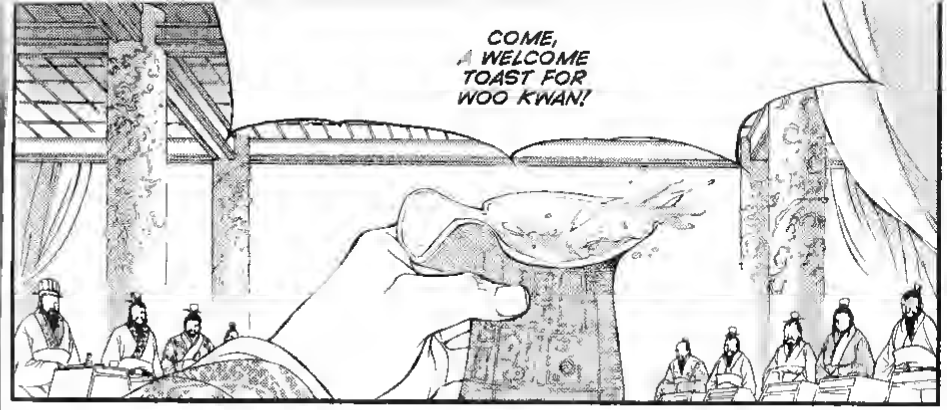
HEODOH*
*HEODOH WAS THE CAPITAL CITY OF WUI. IT WAS NORTHEAST OF NAKYANG.

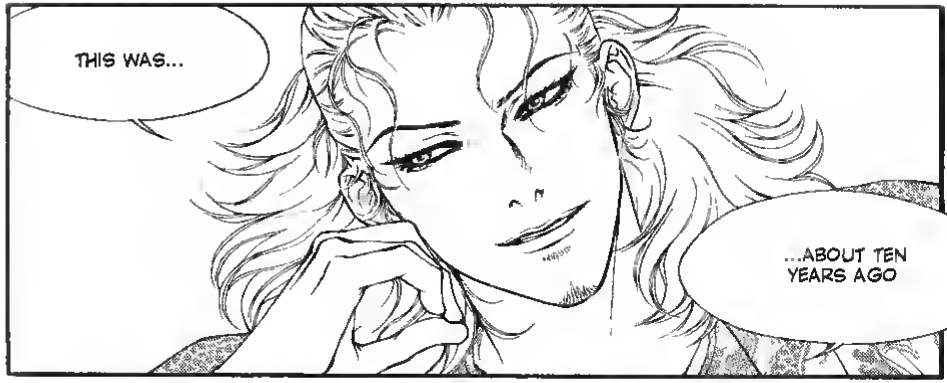

COME, A WELCOME TOAST FOR WOO KWAN!

I AM BUT A DEFEATED GENERAL. THANK YOU FOR WELCOMING ME.

AH-HA-HA~!
DON'T SAY THAT! YOU'RE AN IMPORTANT GUEST OF MINE!
PAT
PAT

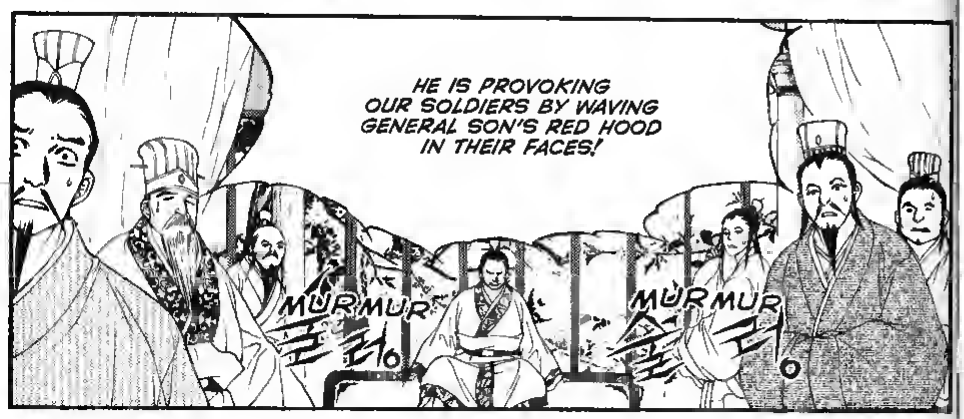
BUT ENOUGH WITH THE FORMALITIES!

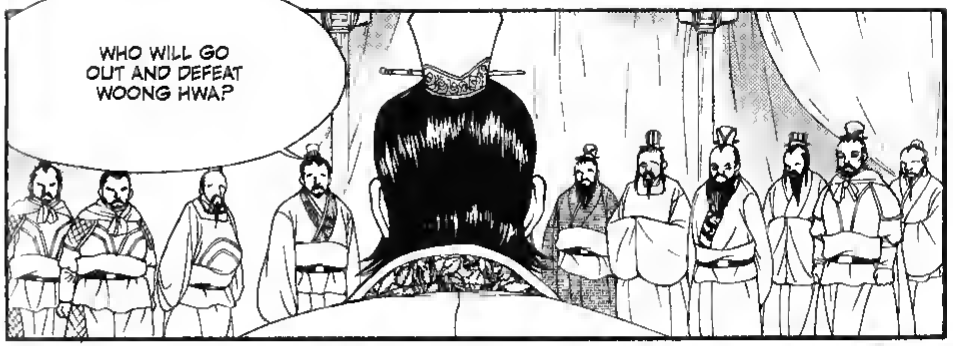
I FIRST MET WOO...
...WHEN WE WERE FIGHTING AGAINST TAK DONG IN SASUKWAN.
WAIT! YOU FOUGHT FOR DONG BACK THEN!
I COULDN'T FIND THE RIGHT MASTER, SO I DRIFTED AROUND IN THOSE DAYS.
GENERAL WOONG HWA WHO WAS UNDER DONG WAS PRETTY STRONG...
TRUE...
EVEN THOUGH HE WASN'T AS STRONG AS PO YEO, HE WAS STILL QUITE POWERFUL...



*SO WAN AND JO JO WERE FRIENDS FROM CHILDHOOD, BUT JO JO ALWAYS TEASED SO WAN.

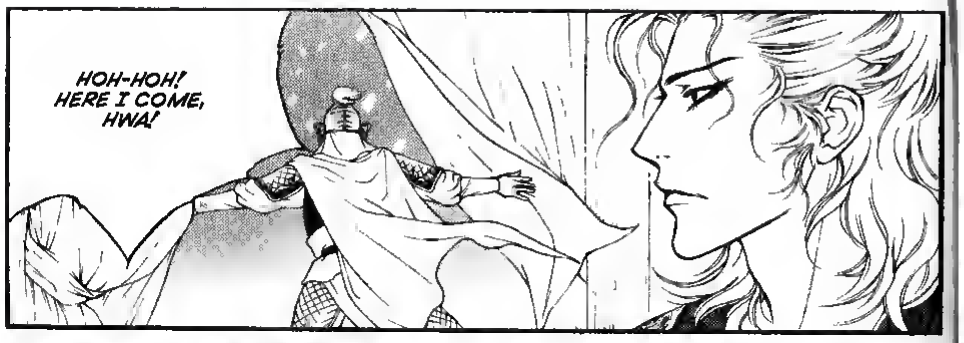
HUH...
I CANNOT BELIEVE WOONG HWA DEFEATED KYUN SON...
.....
W-WOONG HWA IS HERE!


HE IS PROVOKING OUR SOLDIERS BY WAVING GENERAL SON'S RED HOOD IN THEIR FACES!
MURMUR
MURMUR


WHO WILL GO OUT AND DEFEAT WOONG HWA?

I, SUP YOO...
...WILL BRING YOU THE HEAD OF WOONG HWA!
DUN DUN
YES! GENERAL YOO!

BRING ME THAT UNCOUTH BASTARD'S HEAD!
YES, MASTER!
TAK


HOH-HOH! HERE I COME, HWA!

CLIP
CLOP
CLIP
POUR

CLOP
CLIP
CLOP

GENERAL YOO COULD NOT EVEN LAST THREE STRIKES AND LOST HIS HEAD BY HWA'S SWORD!
SPPPPTT
TOT

HOW COULD THIS BE...?
CRESTFALLEN
PLEASE DO NOT WORRY, MASTER WON

WE HAVE BONG BAN!
GONGGG
OHHH!
BAN WILL EASILY DEFEAT WOONG HWA!

YESSS! BONG BAAAN!
BRING ME THE HEAD OF HWA THIS INSTANT!
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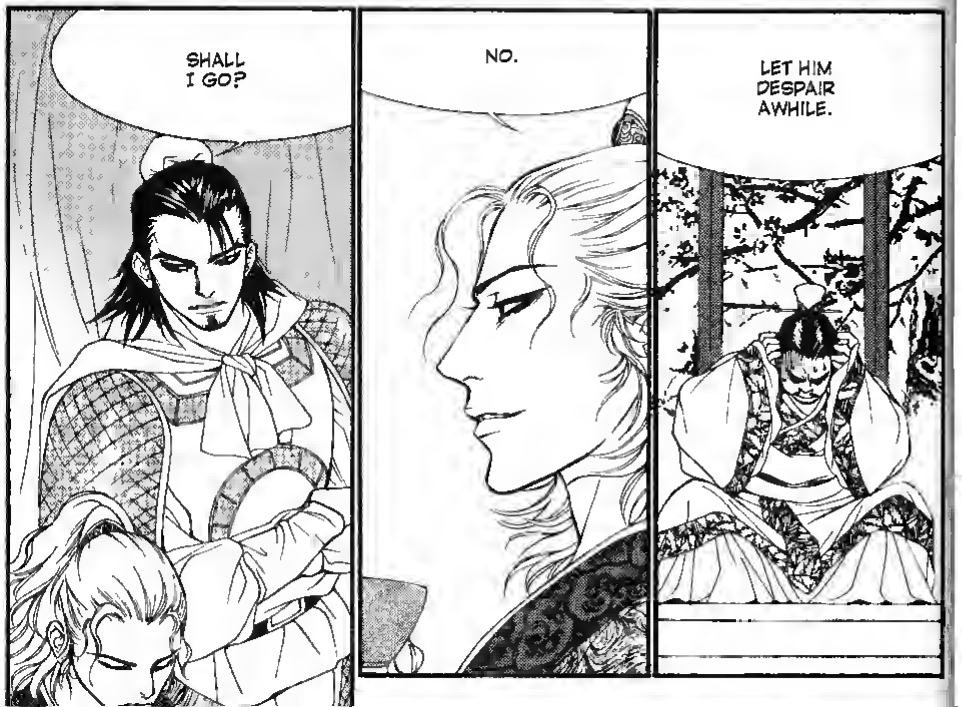
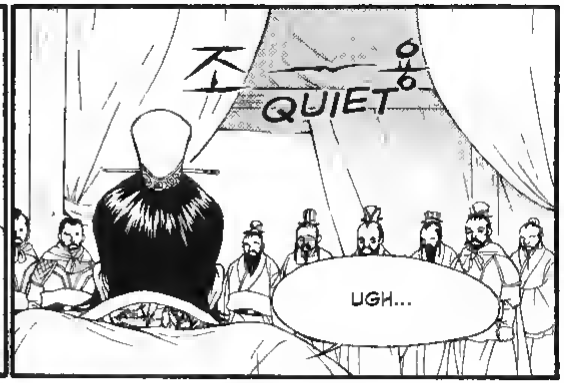
-DA

WOONG HWA SENDS YOU HIS REGARDS, ALONG WITH GENERAL BAN'S HEAD!
GONG
.....

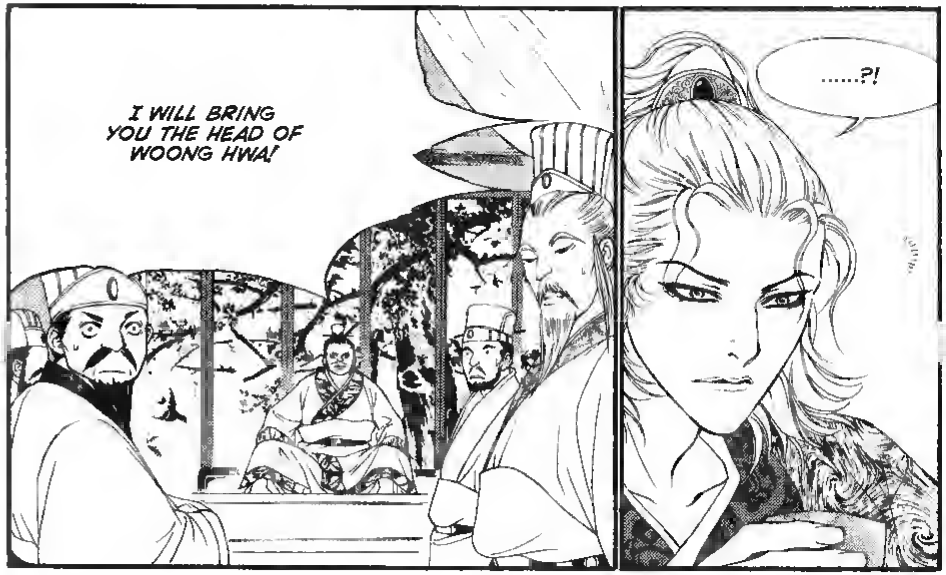
MURMUR
MURMUR


SHALL I GO?
NO.
LET HIM DESPAIR AWHILE.

...DOES...
...ANYONE ELSE WISH TO TRY?


QUIET
UGH...

IT IS TOO BAD THAT GENERAL RYANG AN AND GENERAL CHOO MOON HAVE NOT YET ARRIVED...
WOONG HWA IS NO MATCH FOR EITHER OF THEM.
QUIVER
QUIVER


I WILL BRING YOU THE HEAD OF WOONG HWA!
.....?!

WHO IS HE?
HE IS BI YOO'S SWORN BROTHER, WOO KWAN.
WOO KWAN.

WHAT IS HIS POSITION?
HE IS AN ARCHER AND A FOLLOWER OF BI YOO.
ARCHER?
HOW DARE YOU!
DO YOU THINK WE HAVE NO OTHER WARRIORS?
YOU ARE A MERE ARCHER! HOW DARE YOU SAY YOU WILL FIGHT HWA!

PLEASE CALM DOWN.
HOW CAN I BE CALM IN THIS SITUATION ?!
IS THAT NOT SO?
HE MUST BE AS SKILLED AS HE IS CONFIDENT.
BUT JO..
..IF WE SEND A MERE ARCHER ..
...WILL WOONG HWA NOT LAUGH IN OUR FACES?
.....
LOOK AT HIM.
PAT
WHO WOULD MISTAKE HIM FOR A "MERE ARCHER" WITH THIS BUILD?
EVEN SO... IT IS A BATTLE BETWEEN GENERALS AND SENDING AN ARCHER...IS...
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YOU CAN HAVE MY HEAD IF I LOSE!
.....
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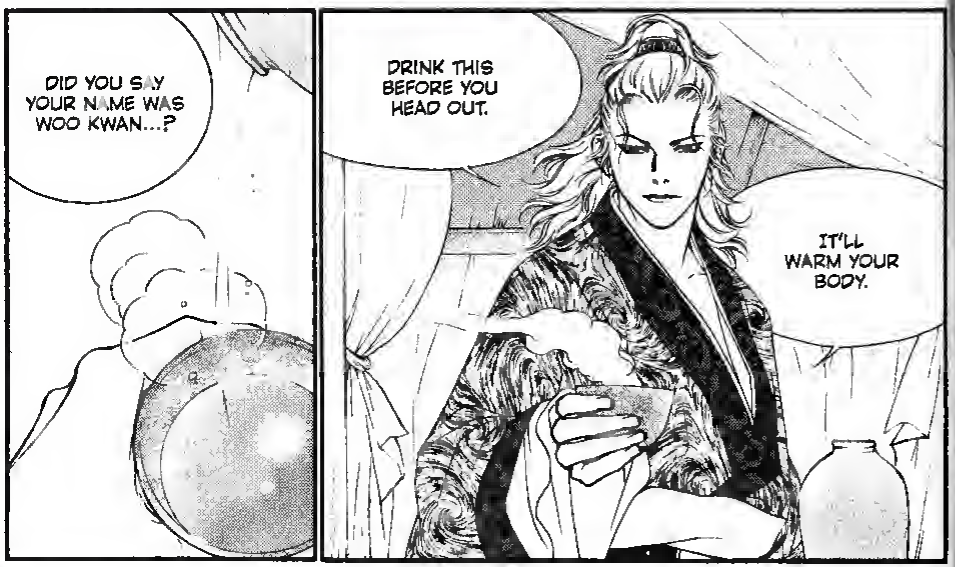
DID YOU SAY YOUR NAME WAS WOO KWAN...?
DRINK THIS BEFORE YOU HEAD OUT.
IT'LL WARM YOUR BODY.

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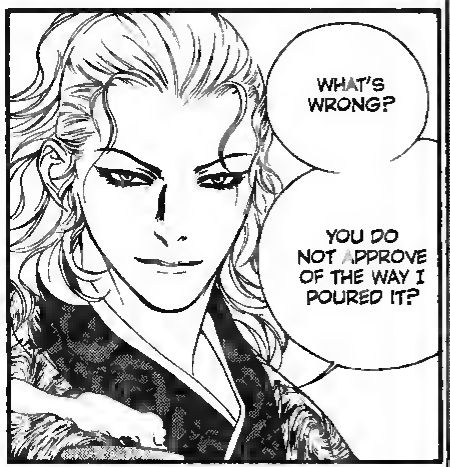
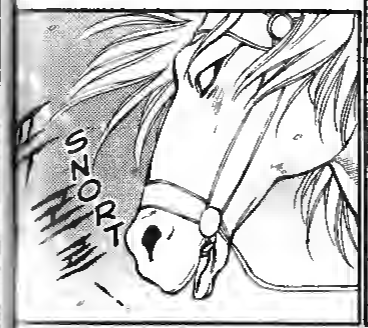
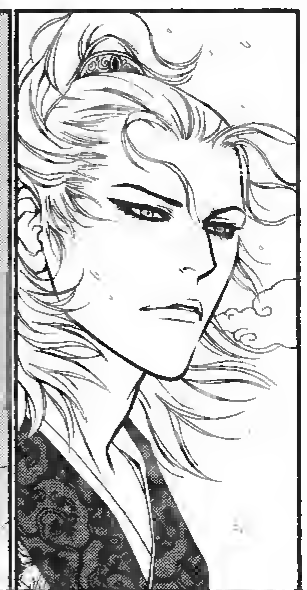
PLEASE LEAVE IT THERE.
I WILL DRINK IT UPON MY RETURN.

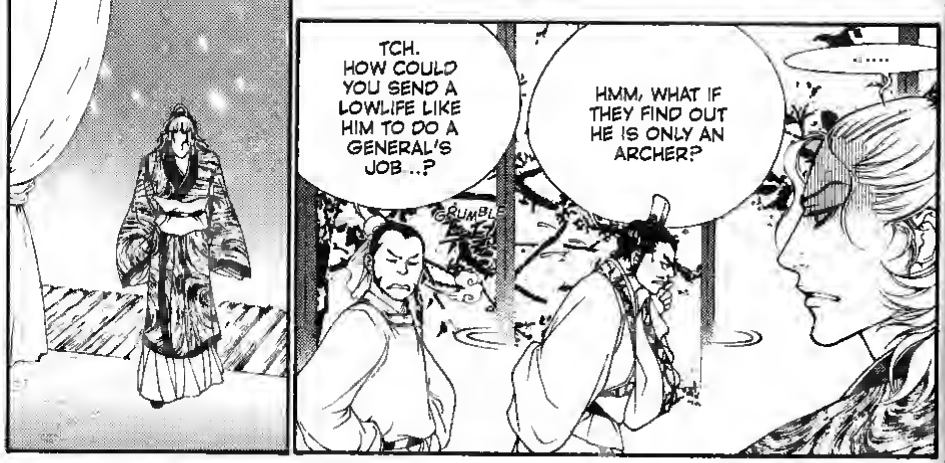

WHAT'S WRONG?
YOU DO NOT APPROVE OF THE WAY I POURED IT?

GRAB


SNORT

HYAH!!




TCH. HOW COULD YOU SEND A LOWLIFE LIKE HIM TO DO A GENERAL'S JOB..?
GRUMBLE
HMM, WHAT IF THEY FIND OUT HE IS ONLY AN ARCHER?
.....

DRUM
DRUM
DRUM
DRUM
DRUM
!!

HURRAAAAH

F-FIND OUT WHAT ALL THE RUCKUS IS ABOUT!

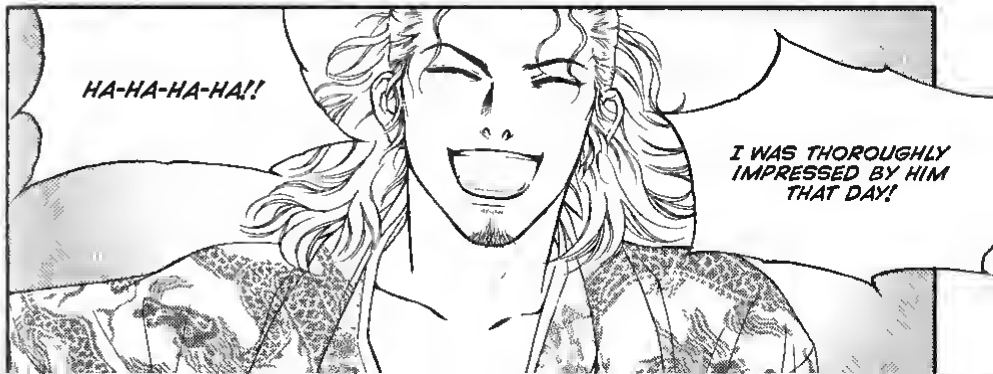
CLIP
다그닥
CLOP
다그닥

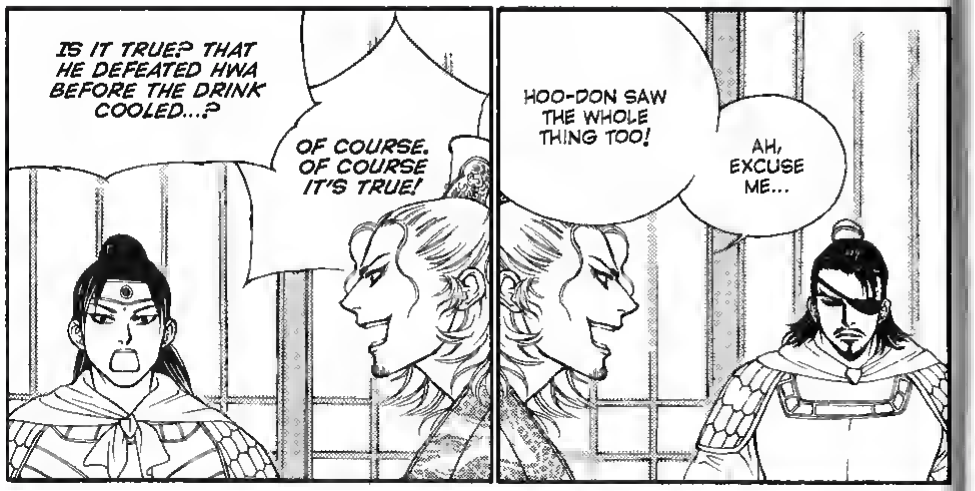
THUD
HERE, THE HEAD OF WOONG HWA, AS PROMISED.

BOW

HA...

HA-HA-HA-HA-HA-
HA-HA-HA-HA!


HA-HA-HA-HA!!
I WAS THOROUGHLY IMPRESSED BY HIM THAT DAY!


IS IT TRUE? THAT HE DEFEATED HWA BEFORE THE DRINK COOLED...?
OF COURSE. OF COURSE IT'S TRUE!
HOO-DON SAW THE WHOLE THING TOO!
AH, EXCUSE ME...

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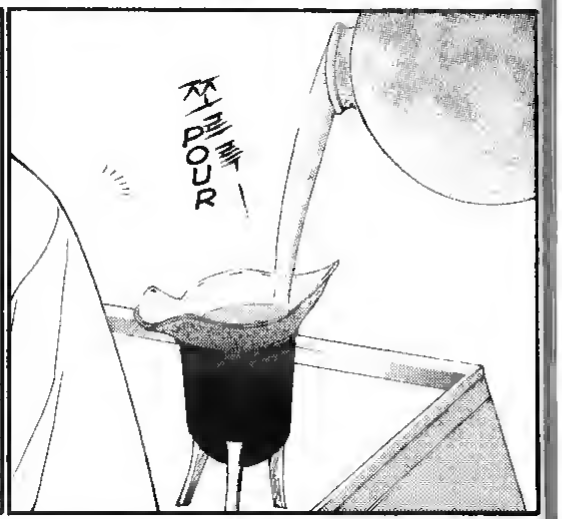
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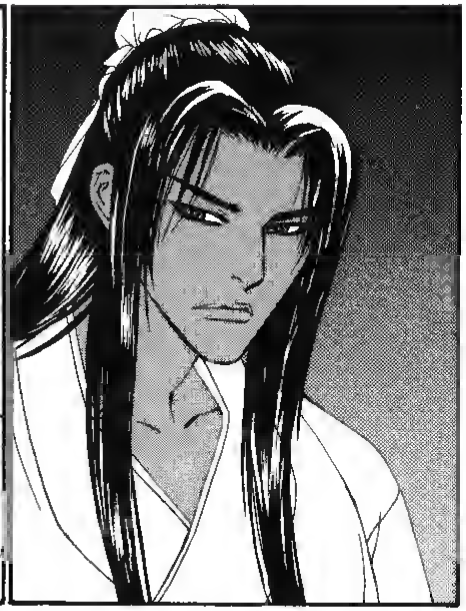

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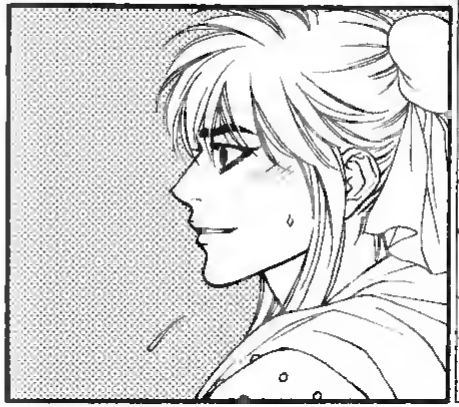
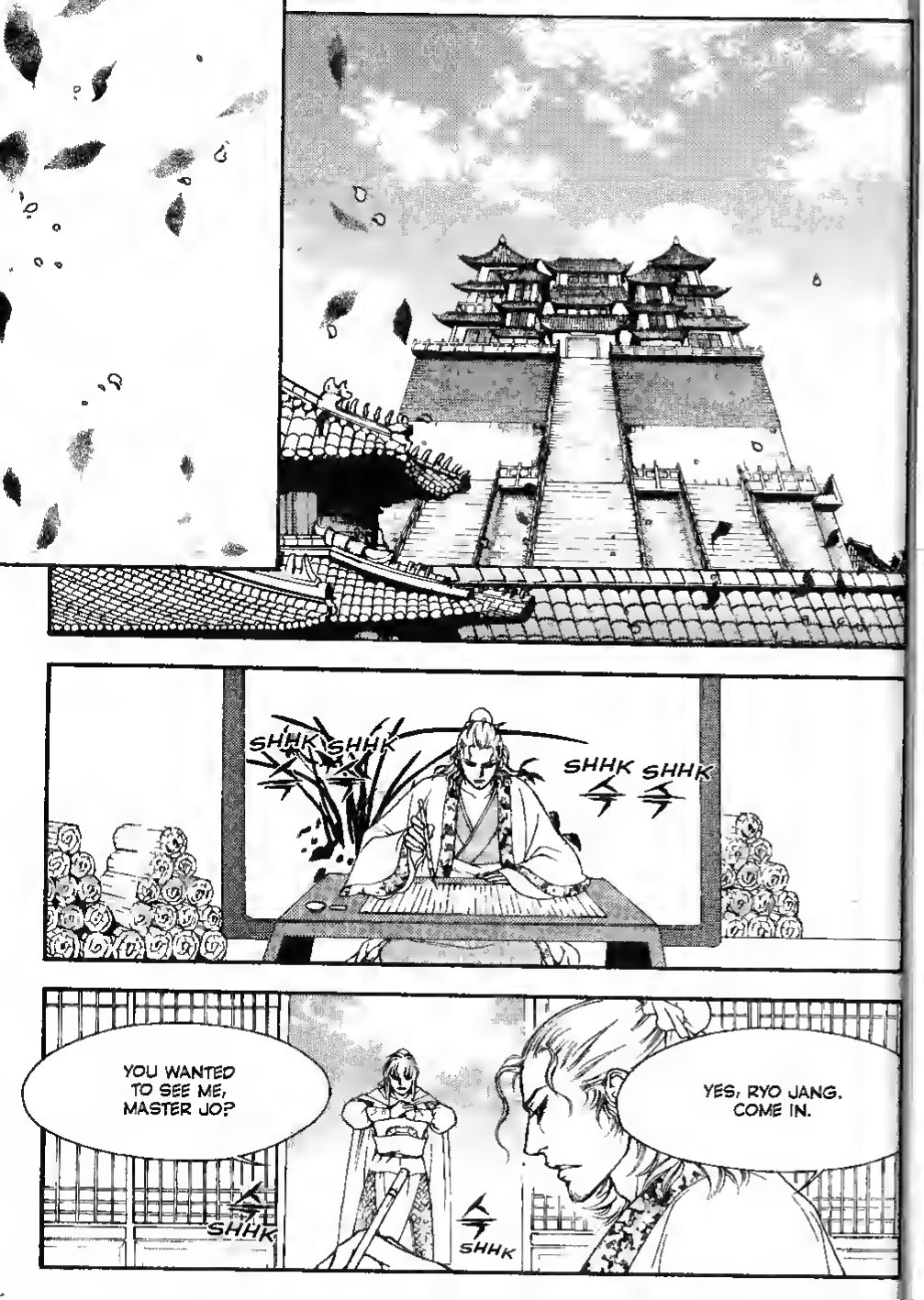
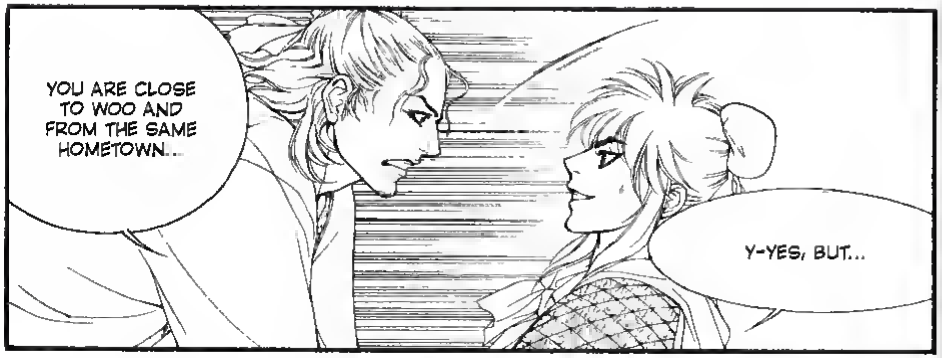
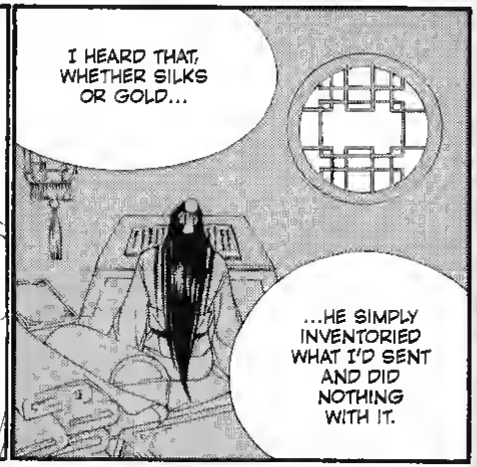


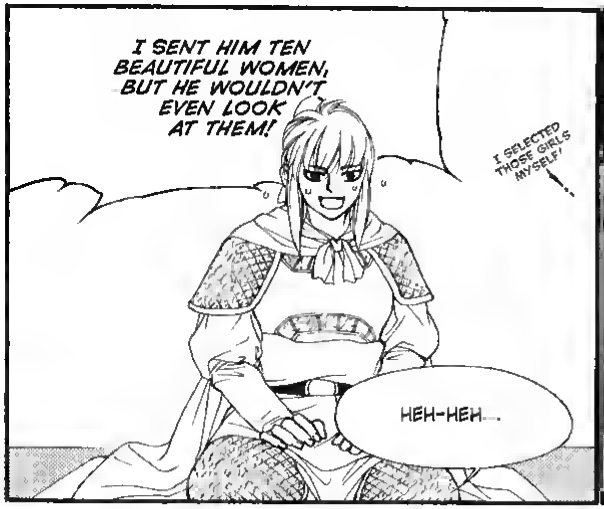

SHHK SHHK
SHHK SHHK
YOU WANTED TO SEE ME, MASTER JO?
YES, RYO JANG. COME IN.
SHHK
SHHK

.....
.....
PEEK
UHH...
SHRUG
SHRUG
AHH... MMM...
HESITATE
DO YOU KNOW WHAT WOO KWAN LIKES?
PARDON?

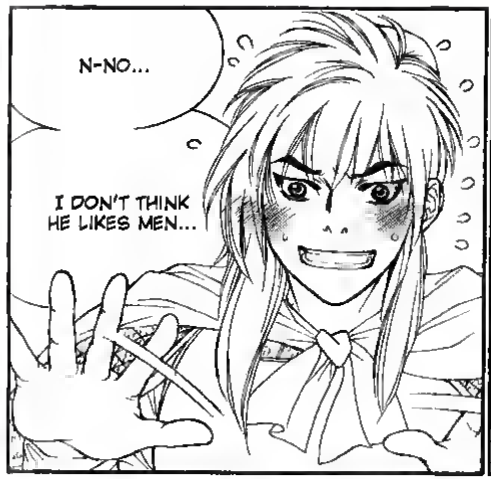

YOU ARE CLOSE TO WOO AND FROM THE SAME HOMETOWN...
Y-YES, BUT...

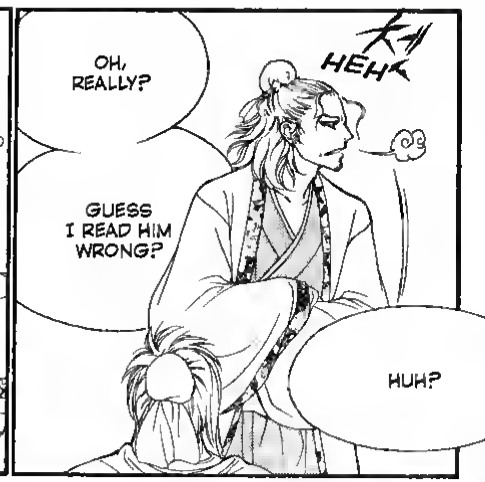
IT SEEMS THAT WOO DOESN'T LIKE ANY OF THE GIFTS I'VE SENT HIM.
SNIFF
SNIFF


I HEARD THAT, WHETHER SILKS OR GOLD...
...HE SIMPLY INVENTORIED WHAT I'D SENT AND DID NOTHING WITH IT.

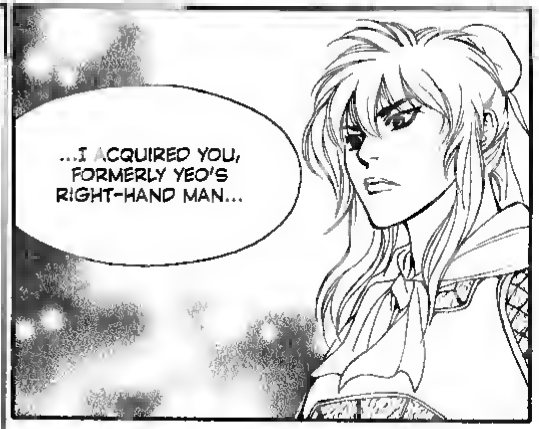

I SENT HIM TEN BEAUTIFUL WOMEN, BUT HE WOULDN'T EVEN LOOK AT THEM!
I SELECTED THOSE GIRLS MYSELF!
HEH-HEH...

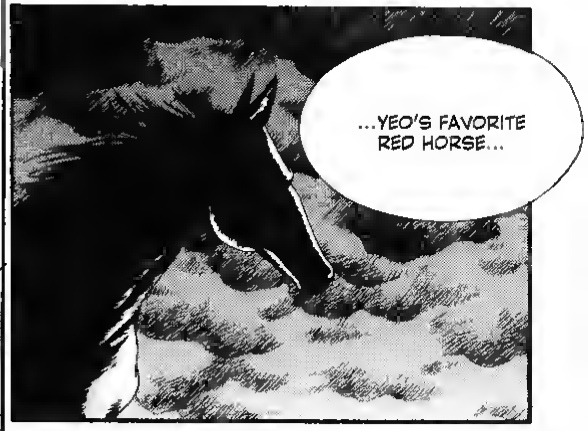
SO I WANTED TO ASK YOU... IF WOO WAS...


N-NO...
I DON'T THINK HE LIKES MEN...


HEHK
OH, REALLY?
GUESS I READ HIM WRONG?
HUH?

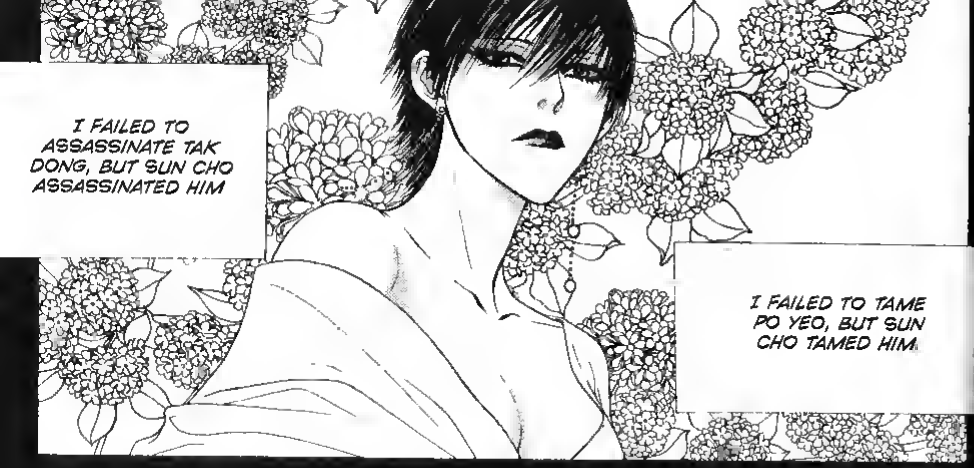
TWO YEARS AGO...
...AFTER A LONG BATTLE AGAINST PO YEO...

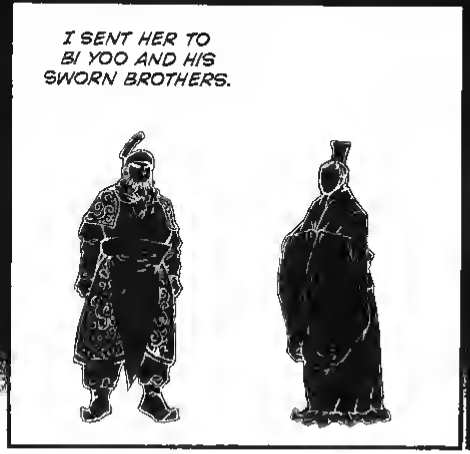

...I ACQUIRED YOU, FORMERLY YEO'S RIGHT-HAND MAN...


...YEO'S FAVORITE RED HORSE...

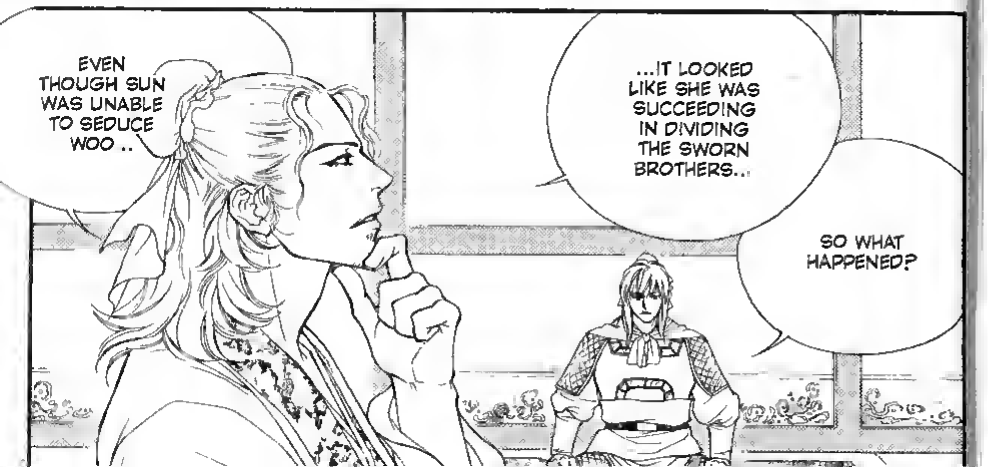
...AND SUN CHO, YEO'S WIFE.
TAK DONG AND PO YEO WERE SWORN FATHER AND SON. BUT CHO TAINTED THE RELATIONSHIP WITH HER BEAUTY.
I WANTED TO PIT BI YOO AND WOO AGAINST EACH OTHER, USING SUN CHO...

One thousand and one nights

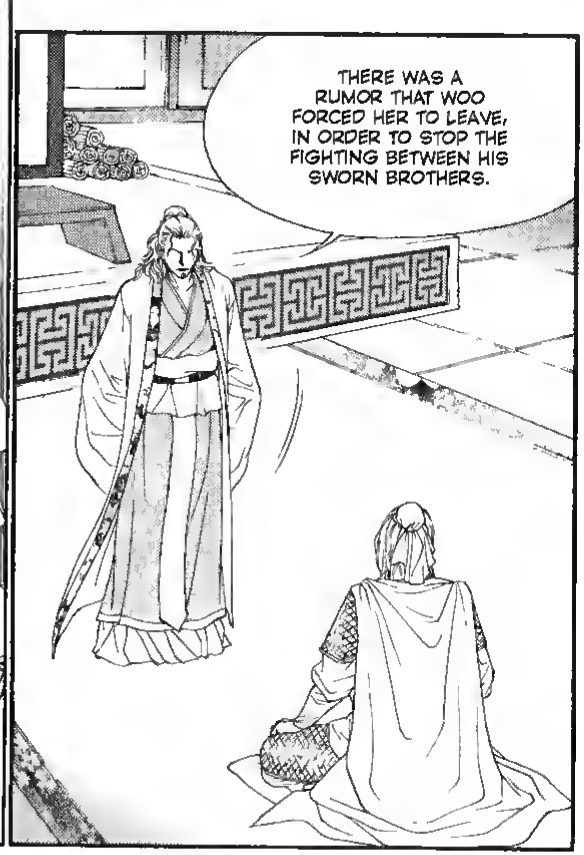

I FAILED TO ASSASSINATE TAK DONG, BUT SUN CHO ASSASSINATED HIM
I FAILED TO TAME PO YEO, BUT SUN CHO TAMED HIM.


I SENT HER TO BI YOO AND HIS SWORN BROTHERS.

AS I'D THOUGHT, BI YOO WANTED HER FOR HIMSELF SINCE HE WAS THE HIGHEST IN RANK OF THE BROTHERS. AND BI JANG WANTED HER BECAUSE BI YOO ALREADY HAD TWO WIVES


EVEN THOUGH SUN WAS UNABLE TO SEDUCE WOO ..
...IT LOOKED LIKE SHE WAS SUCCEEDING IN DIVIDING THE SWORN BROTHERS..
SO WHAT HAPPENED?

SUN SUDDENLY DISAPPEARED.


THERE WAS A RUMOR THAT WOO FORCED HER TO LEAVE, IN ORDER TO STOP THE FIGHTING BETWEEN HIS SWORN BROTHERS.

ANOTHER RUMOR HAS IT THAT WOO KILLED SUN...
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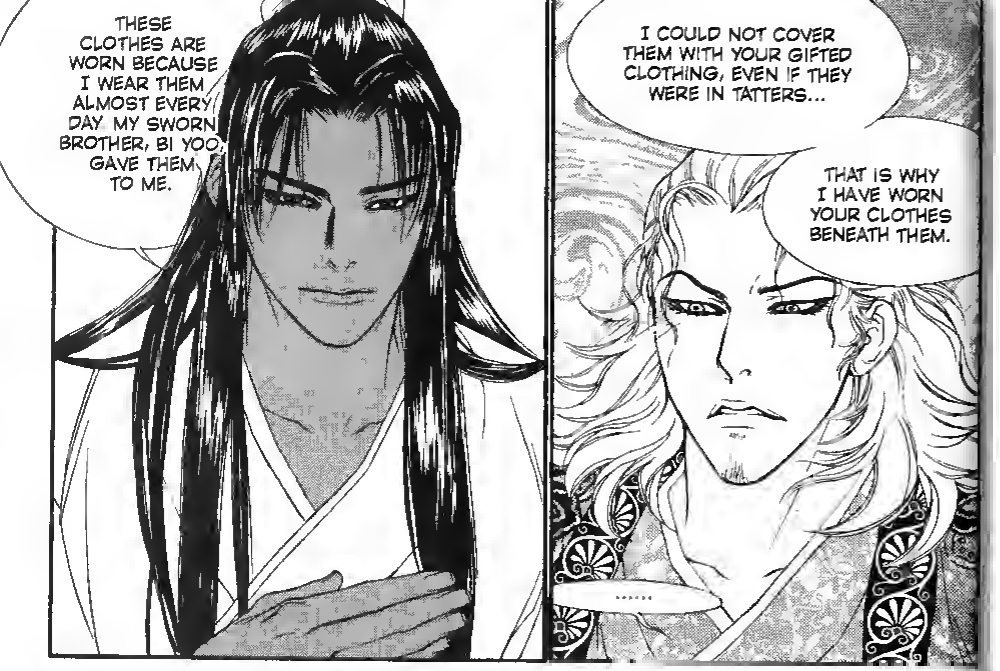
I-I DON'T THINK HE WOULD...
EVEN SO, I'M STILL CURIOUS ABOUT WHAT BECAME OF SUN.
TO TELL YOU THE TRUTH...
...I'M SCARED TO ASK...
I THOUGHT YOU WERE HIDING HER UNTIL NOW.
.....
OH! LOOK AT THIS.
RUSTLE 뒤적
RUSTLE 뒤적
WHAT IS IT?
WOO'S CLOTHES ARE ALL TOO WORN, SO...
...I WANT TO HAVE THESE MADE FOR HIM.
SO? DO YOU THINK HE'LL LIKE THEM?
YES...I THINK HE WILL.
HE APPRECIATES FASHION MORE THAN HE LETS ON.
EXCELLENT!! THEN THIS IS THE ONE!
HEE-HEE! 흐하하
YOU YOURSELF ARE A FINE ARTIST.
TELL ME, DOES THIS LOOK LIKE WOO?
SURE... IT'S JUST A BIT OVER-THE-TOP...
I WAS ONLY GOING TO DRAW THE CLOTHES, BUT...
.....

THERE'S BEEN A CELEBRATION EVERY THREE DAYS SINCE WOO'S ARRIVAL.
MASTER JO FAWNS OVER HIM TOO MUCH!
M-MASTER JO... I THOUGHT THOSE CLOTHES WERE FOR WOO.
I HAD ANOTHER SET MADE WITH THE EXTRA FABRIC.
SHRUG

HEEEEY! WOO!
WOO?!
TWINKLE
FWIP
OH NOOO! WOO!
WHY AREN'T YOU WEARING THE CLOTHES I SENT? I TOLD YOU TO WEAR THEM~!
I AM WEARING THEM UNDERNEATH.
WHY DID YOU DO THAT? ARE YOU TRYING TO PROTECT THE CLOTHES?
OR DID YOU WANT TO KEEP THEM CLOSER TO YOU?
SHOULD I HAVE HAD UNDERGARMENTS MADE?
NO.. THAT IS NOT IT..


THESE CLOTHES ARE WORN BECAUSE I WEAR THEM ALMOST EVERY DAY. MY SWORN BROTHER, BI YOO, GAVE THEM TO ME.
I COULD NOT COVER THEM WITH YOUR GIFTED CLOTHING, EVEN IF THEY WERE IN TATTERS...
THAT IS WHY I HAVE WORN YOUR CLOTHES BENEATH THEM.
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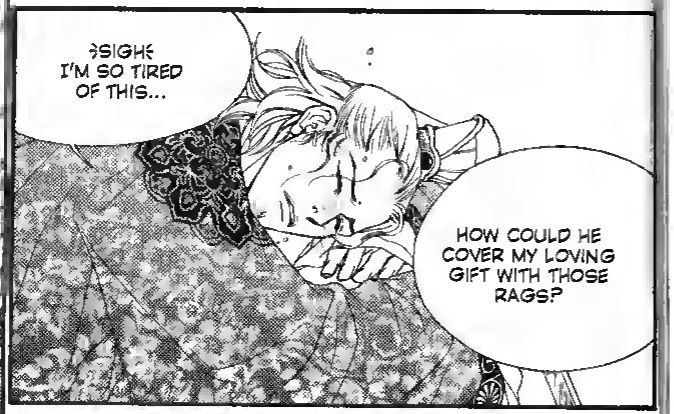
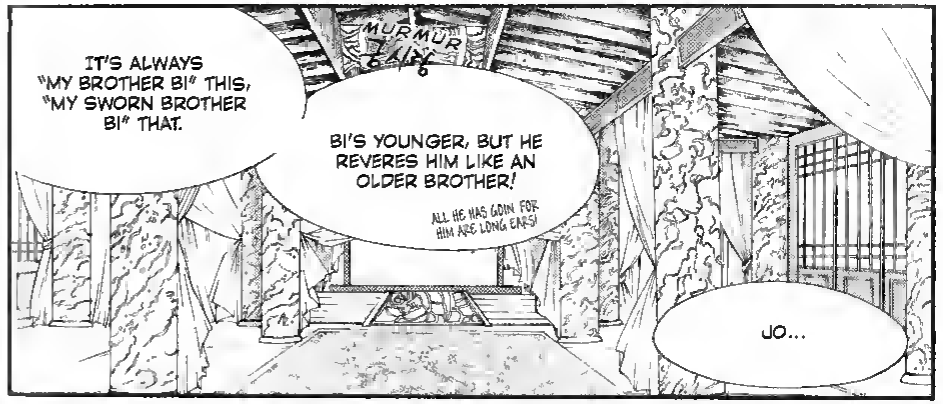
HUL

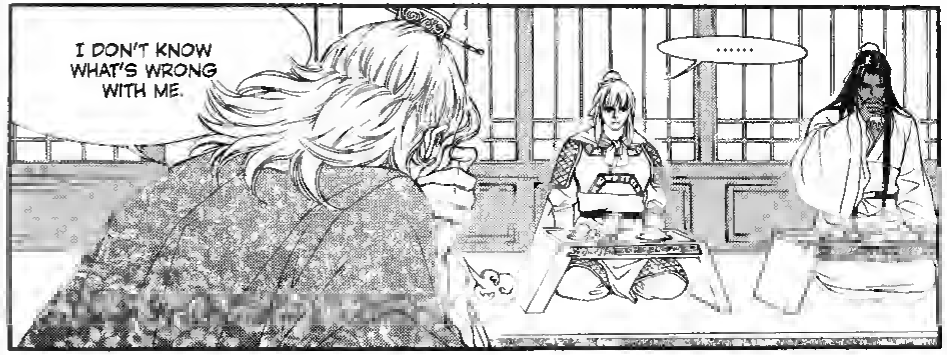
JO...I THINK YOU'RE DRINKING TOO MUCH.


SIGH
I'M SO TIRED OF THIS...
HOW COULD HE COVER MY LOVING GIFT WITH THOSE RAGS?


MURMUR
IT'S ALWAYS "MY BROTHER BI" THIS, "MY SWORN BROTHER BI" THAT.
BI'S YOUNGER, BUT HE REVERES HIM LIKE AN OLDER BROTHER!
ALL HE HAS GOIN FOR HIM ARE LONG EARS!
JO...

THIS ISN'T LIKE YOU.

.....
I KNOW...


I DON'T KNOW WHAT'S WRONG WITH ME.
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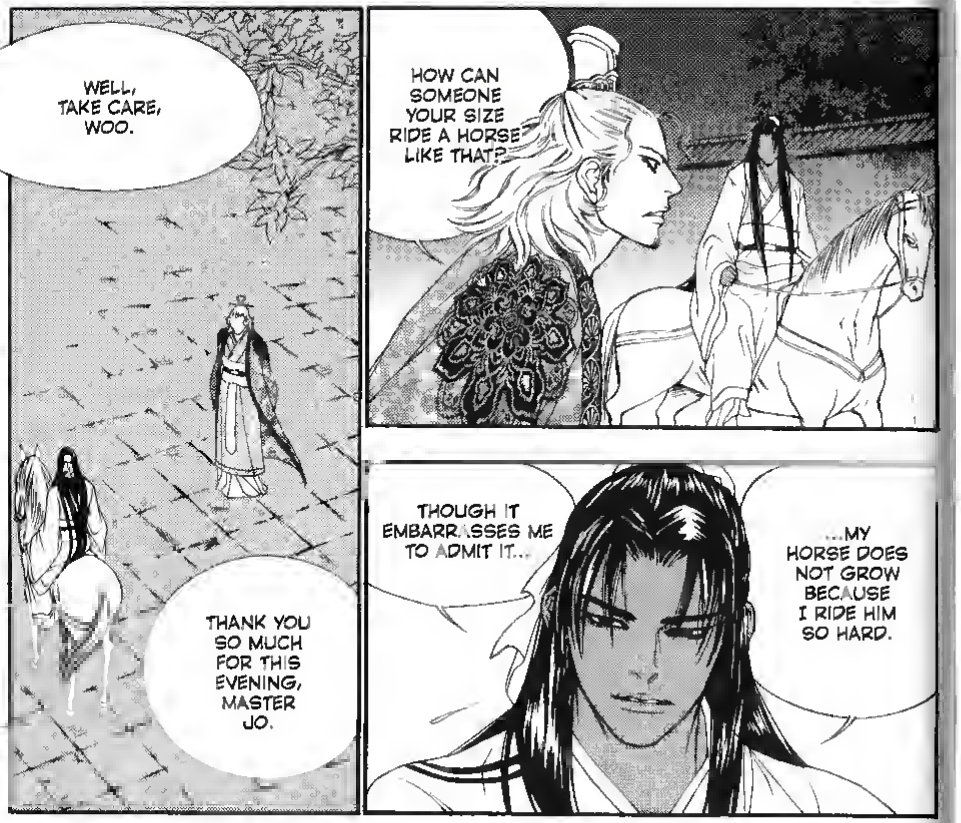

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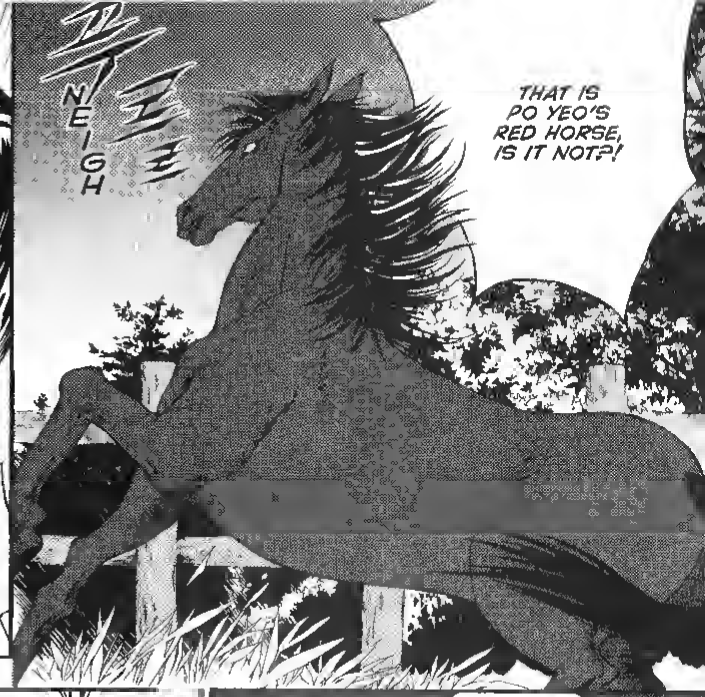
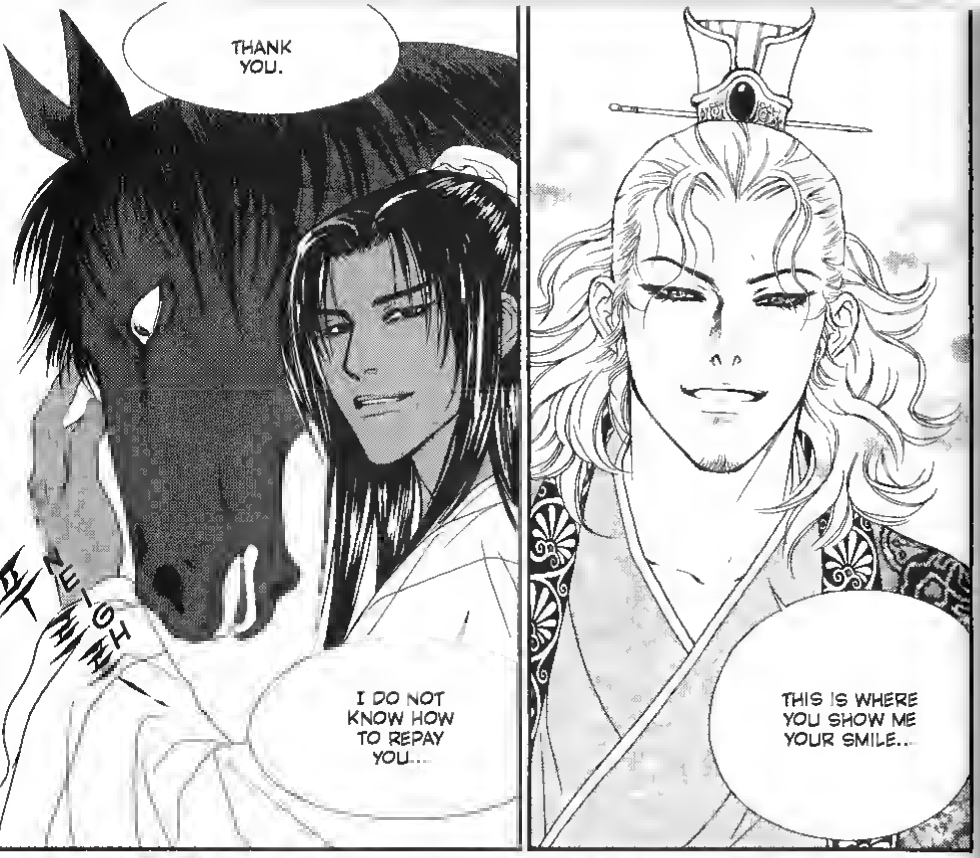
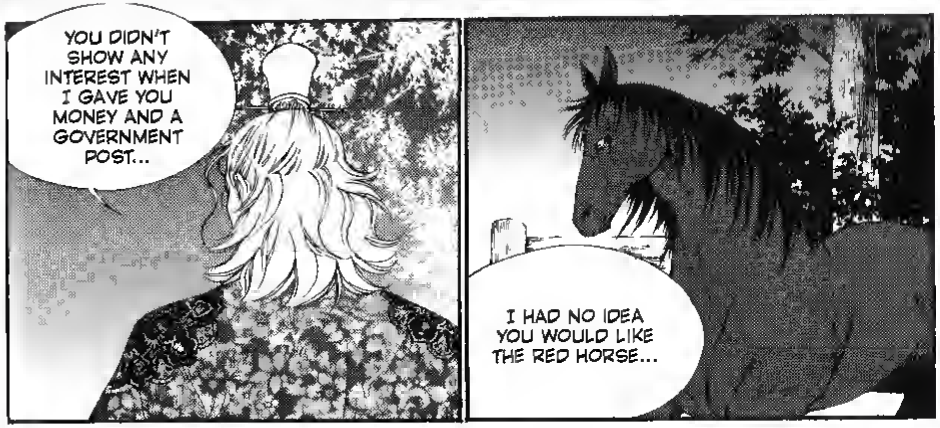
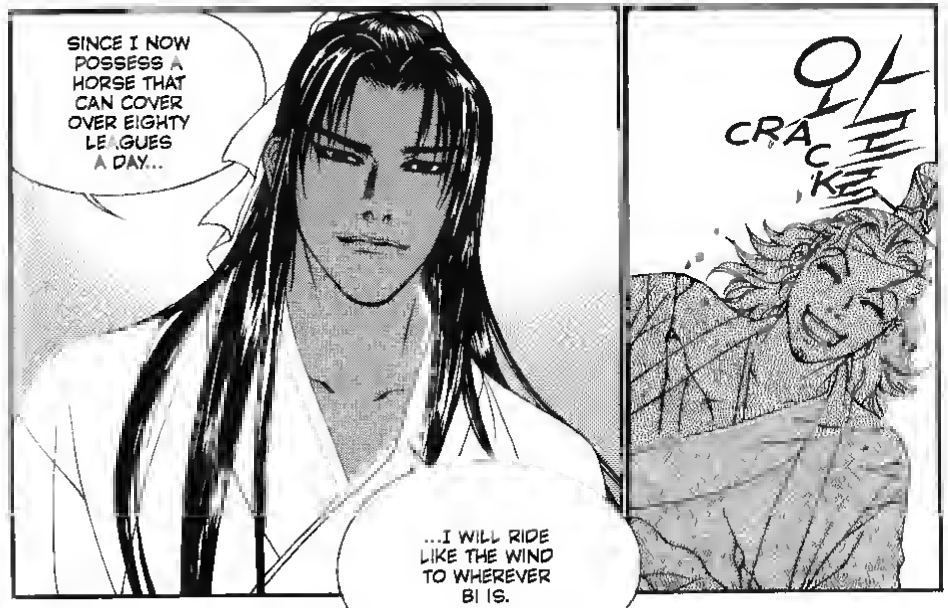



THANK YOU.
I DO NOT KNOW HOW TO REPAY YOU...
NEIGH
THIS IS WHERE YOU SHOW ME YOUR SMILE...

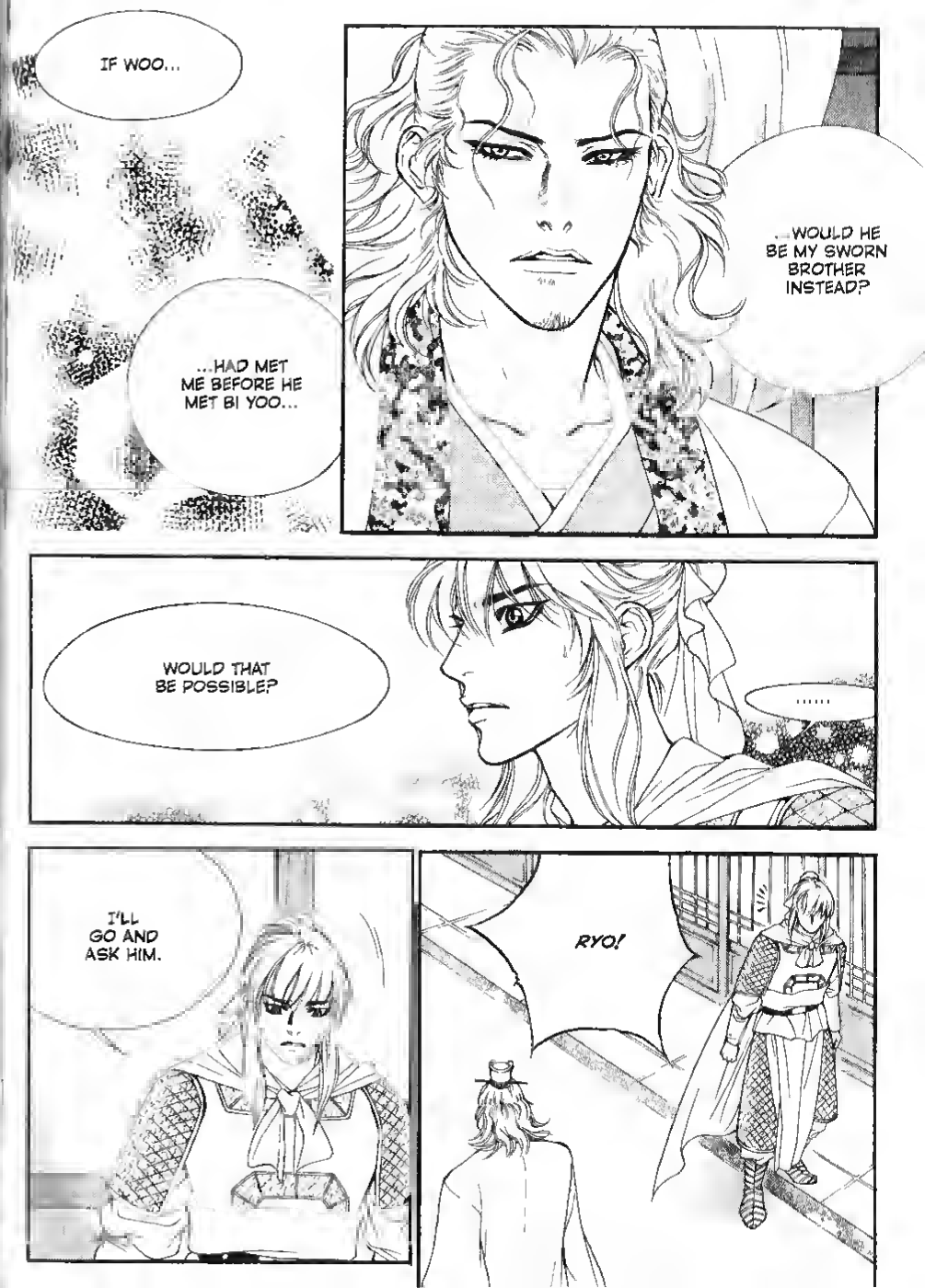
TO BE HONEST...
...I MYSELF WAS AT A LOSS BECAUSE YOU DIDN'T SEEM TO LIKE ANY OF MY GIFTS


YOU DIDN'T SHOW ANY INTEREST WHEN I GAVE YOU MONEY AND A GOVERNMENT POST...
I HAD NO IDEA YOU WOULD LIKE THE RED HORSE...

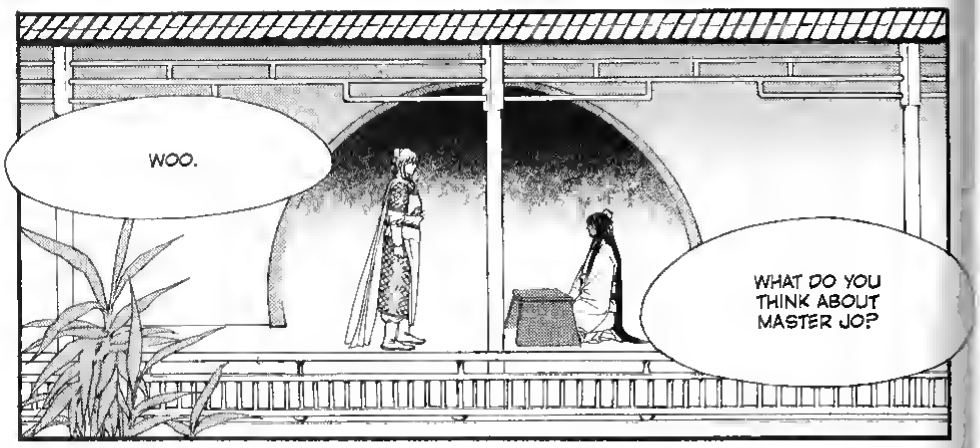
I TAKE IT YOU MUST LOVE HORSES?
TWINKLE
TWINKLE

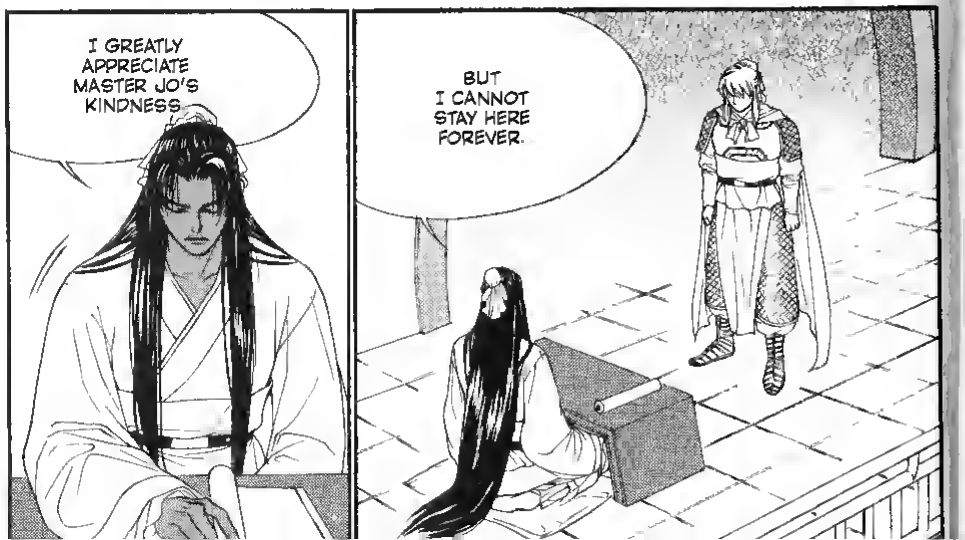

SINCE I NOW POSSESS A HORSE THAT CAN COVER OVER EIGHTY LEAGUES A DAY...
CRACKLE
...I WILL RIDE LIKE THE WIND TO WHEREVER BI IS.

BI YOO!
BI YOO!
BI YOO!!
DAMN...
HOW IS YOO BETTER THAN ME?
WOO IS JUST BEING LOYAL.
DON'T YOU RESPECT HIM ALL THE MORE FOR HIS LOYALTY?


IF WOO...
...HAD MET ME BEFORE HE MET BI YOO...
...WOULD HE BE MY SWORN BROTHER INSTEAD?
WOULD THAT BE POSSIBLE?
.....
I'LL GO AND ASK HIM.
RYO!

DON'T TELL WOO THAT I SENT YOU.


WOO.
WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT MASTER JO?


I GREATLY APPRECIATE MASTER JO'S KINDNESS.
BUT I CANNOT STAY HERE FOREVER.

MY SWORN BROTHERS AND I VOWED TO DIE ON THE SAME DAY.
WHETHER THEY ARE DEAD OR ALIVE..
...MY PLACE IS WHEREVER THEY ARE.

IF..

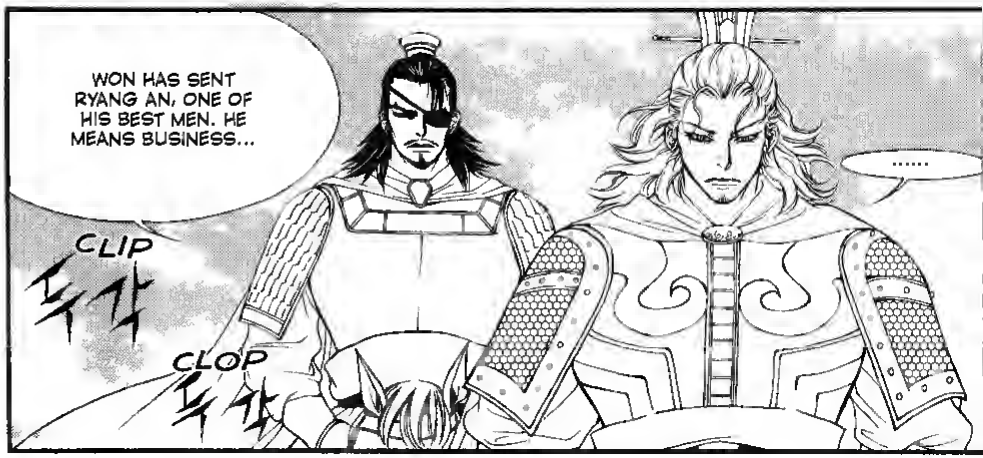
...YOU DIE BEFORE THEM...

...WOULD YOU WANT THEM TO FOLLOW YOU?

WHOOOOO
MASTER JO!
SO WON HAS SENT A MASSIVE ARMY!
CLIP
CLOP

YOU ARE PRIME MINISTER OF THIS COUNTRY* AND YOU ARE WEARING ARMOR AND LEADING THE ARMY YOURSELF, YET YOU SAY IT IS NOT TIME TO CALL ON WOO KWAN?
IF YOU DO NOT USE A GENERAL IN COMBAT, THEN WHERE DO YOU HAVE NEED OF HIM?
CLIP
.....
CLOP

*THIS TAKES PLACE BEFORE JO JO MADE HIMSELF THE KING OF WUI.



FROM NOW ON, YOU AND I WILL DIVIDE OUR ARMY INTO TWO! YOU WILL LEAD AN ARMY OF 50,000!
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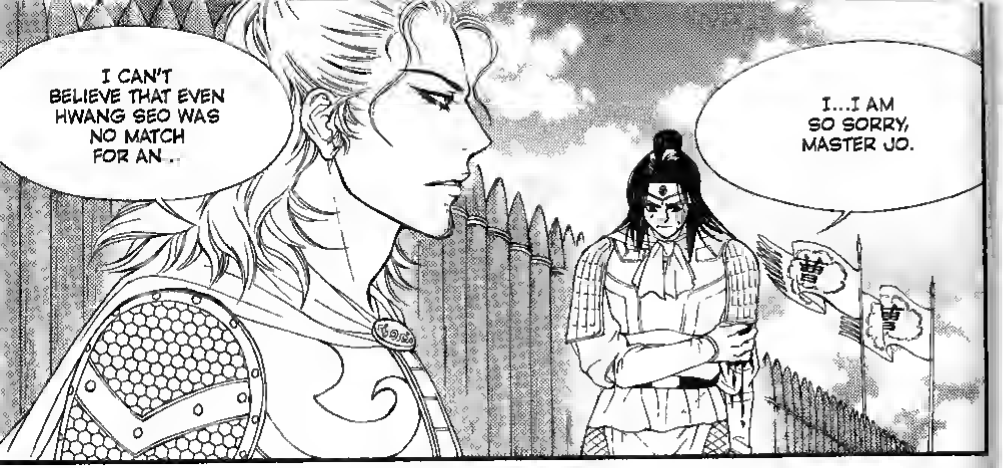
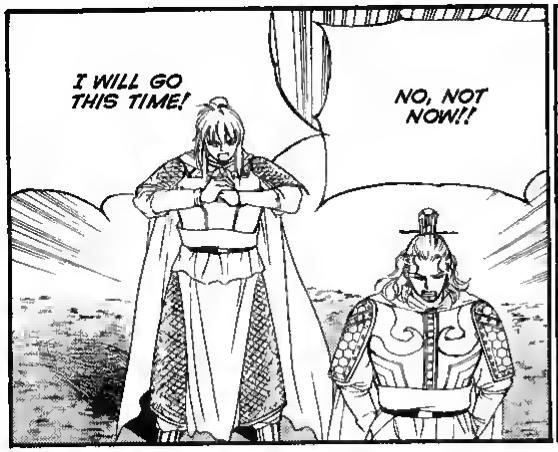
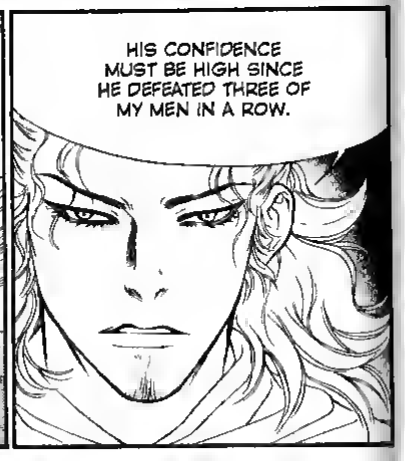
SWISH
HYAH!
.....
DUN DUN DUN DUN
THIS WILL BE A LONG BATTLE.

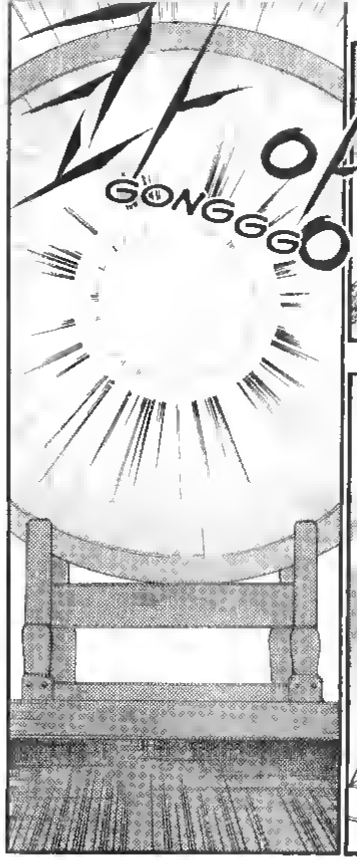
FWW.
WOOP
DAMN!
CLIP
CLOP
MU-HA-HA-HA!


I CAN'T BELIEVE THAT EVEN HWANG SEO WAS NO MATCH FOR AN..
I...I AM SO SORRY, MASTER JO.


I WILL GO THIS TIME!
NO, NOT NOW!!


HIS CONFIDENCE MUST BE HIGH SINCE HE DEFEATED THREE OF MY MEN IN A ROW.

HAVE THE GENERALS RETREAT...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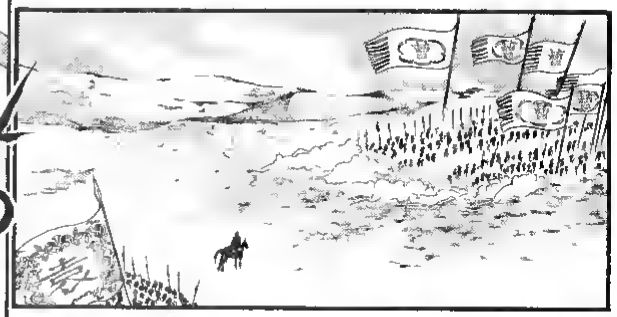

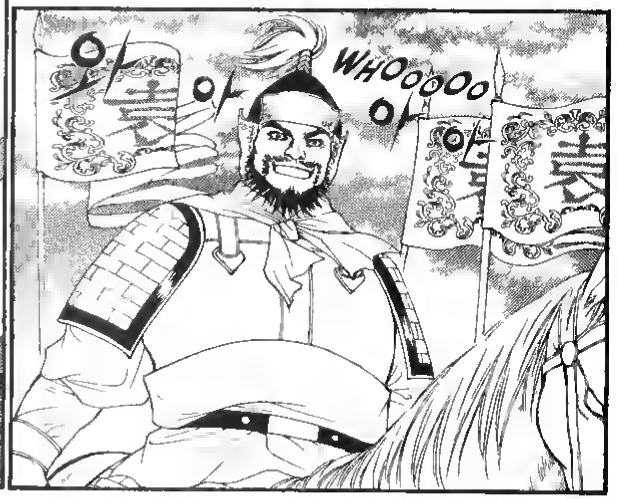
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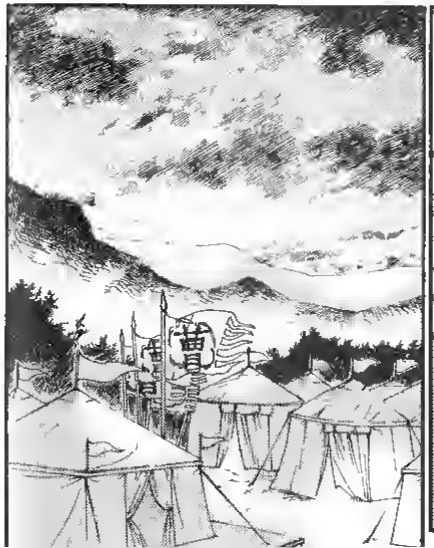
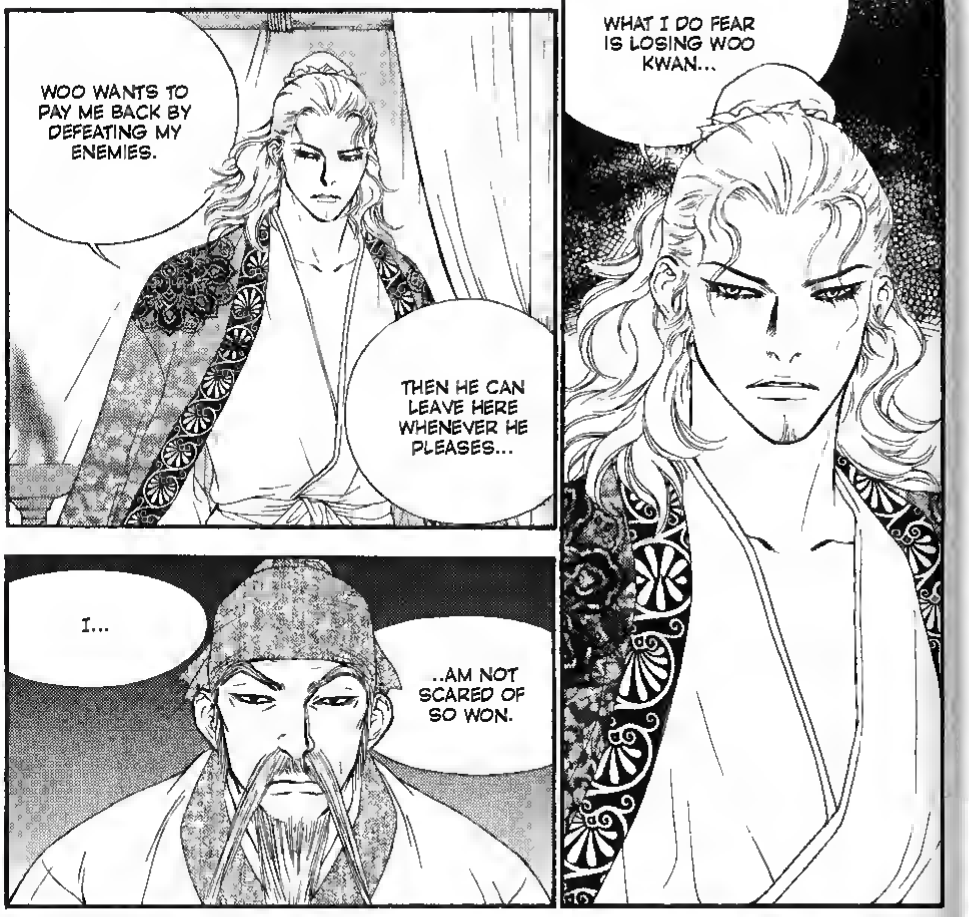


PLEASE SEND FOR WOO KWAN.
NO.


WOO WANTS TO PAY ME BACK BY DEFEATING MY ENEMIES.
THEN HE CAN LEAVE HERE WHENEVER HE PLEASES...
WHAT I DO FEAR IS LOSING WOO KWAN...
I...
..AM NOT SCARED OF SO WON.

YOU MUST MAKE WOO FIGHT RYANG AN IN ORDER TO ENSURE HE DOES NOT LEAVE YOU.
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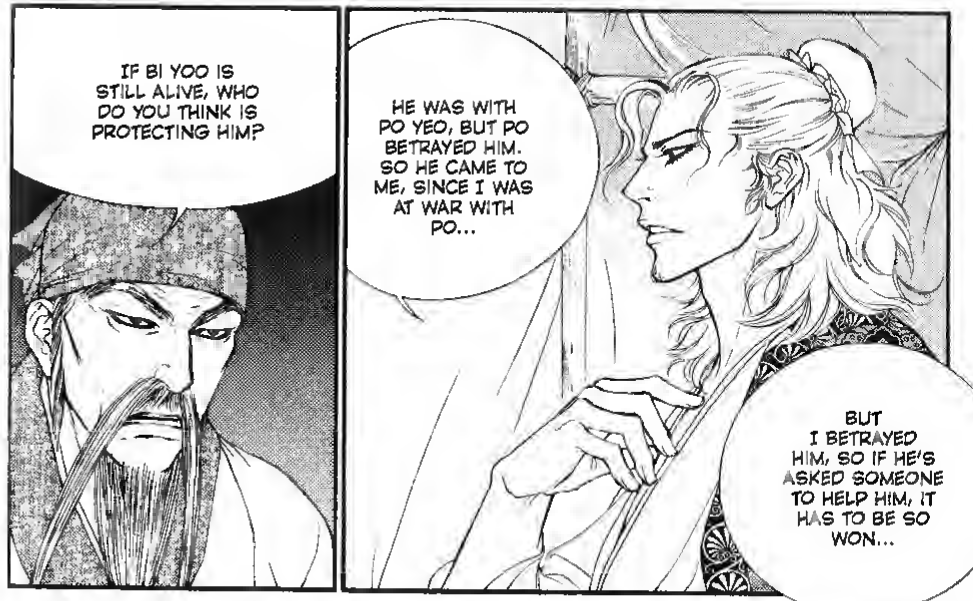
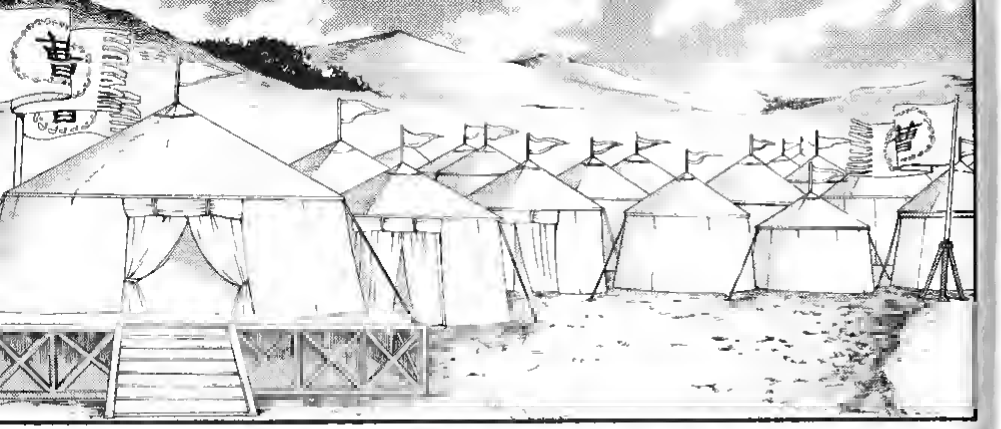
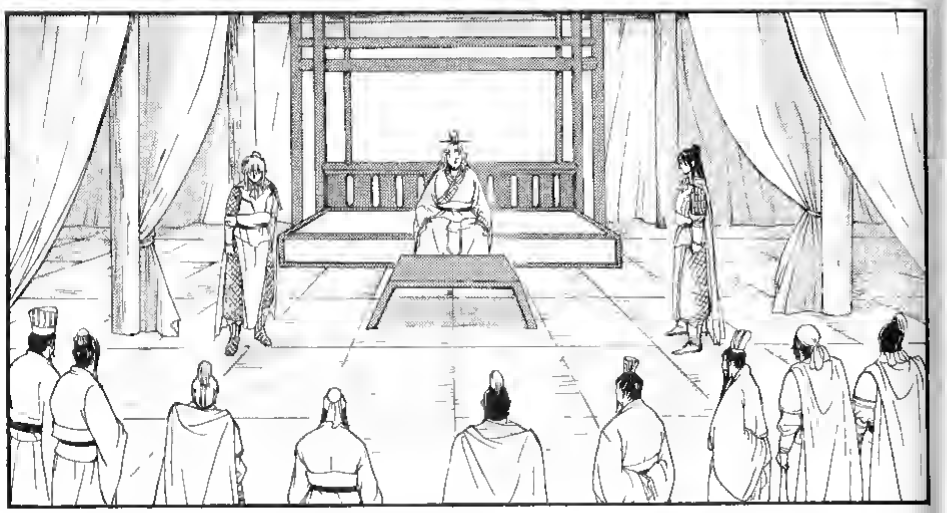

IF BI YOO IS STILL ALIVE, WHO DO YOU THINK IS PROTECTING HIM?
HE WAS WITH PO YEO, BUT PO BETRAYED HIM. SO HE CAME TO ME, SINCE I WAS AT WAR WITH PO...
BUT I BETRAYED HIM, SO IF HE'S ASKED SOMEONE TO HELP HIM, IT HAS TO BE SO WON...

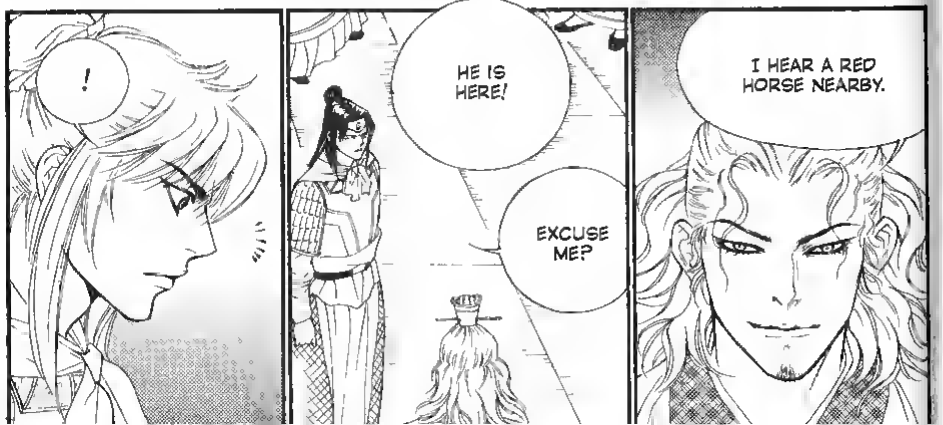
YES, IF BI YOO IS STILL ALIVE, IT IS HIGHLY PROBABLE THAT HE IS UNDER WON'S PROTECTION.
IN THAT CASE...

...IF WOO KWAN KILLS RYANG AN, WON'S RIGHT-HAND MAN...

...WON WILL PREDICTABLY KILL BI YOO AT ANY COST!
THEN WOO WILL HAVE NOWHERE ELSE TO GO!
SEND A MESSENGER FOR WOO KWAN AT ONCE!
WOO KWAN!
RIDE YOUR RED HORSE AND COME TO ME!



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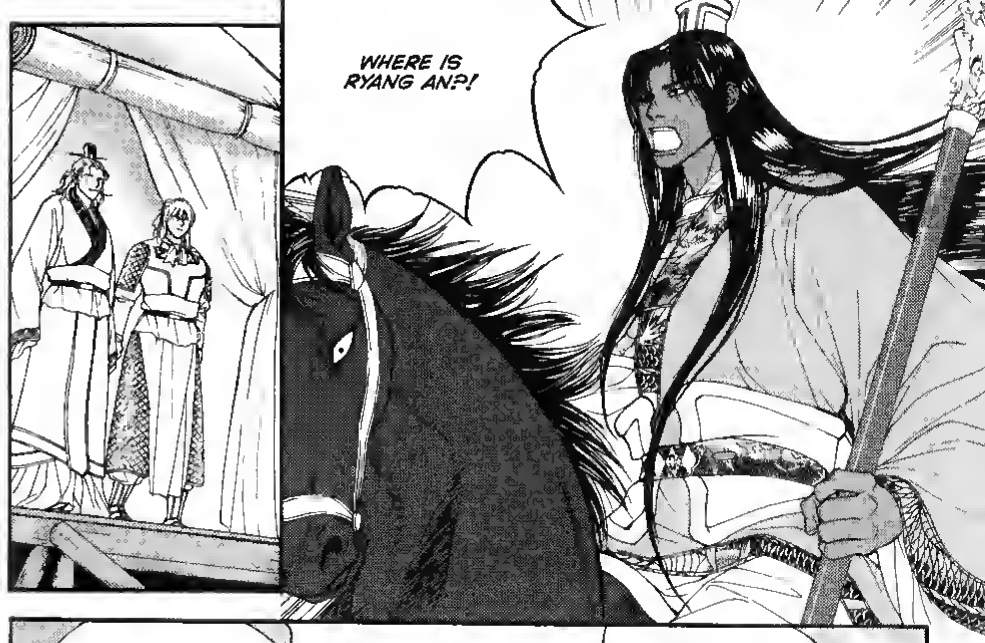
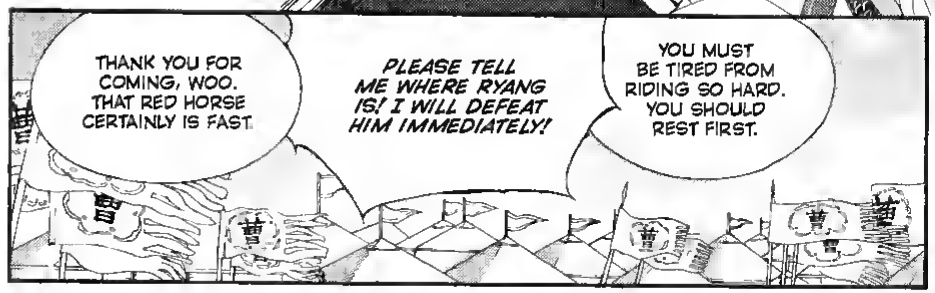
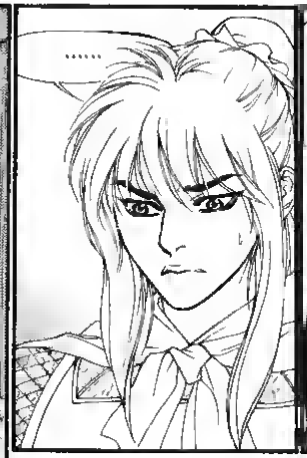
HE IS HERE!
EXCUSE ME?
I HEAR A RED HORSE NEARBY.


WHERE IS RYANG AN?!


THANK YOU FOR COMING, WOO. THAT RED HORSE CERTAINLY IS FAST.
PLEASE TELL ME WHERE RYANG IS! I WILL DEFEAT HIM IMMEDIATELY!
YOU MUST BE TIRED FROM RIDING SO HARD. YOU SHOULD REST FIRST.

UHH...
WOO.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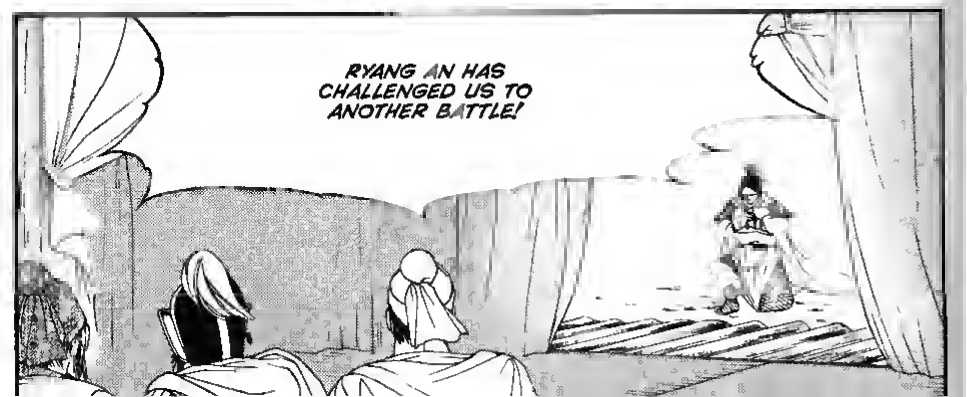
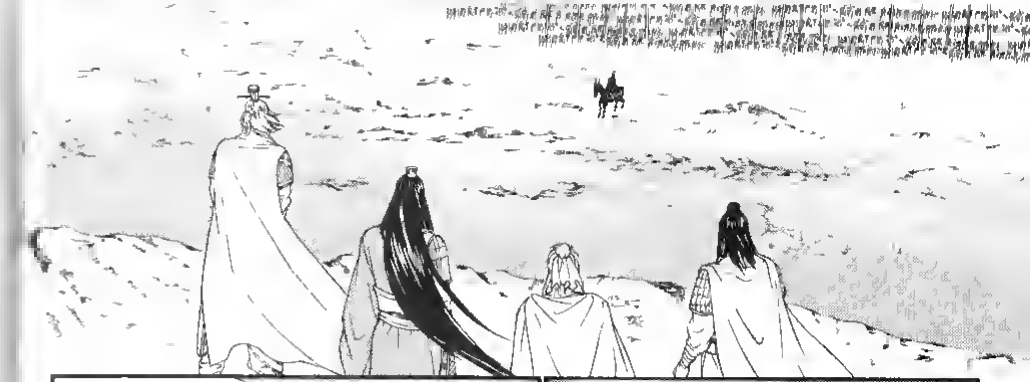
N-NOTHING. NEVER MIND...

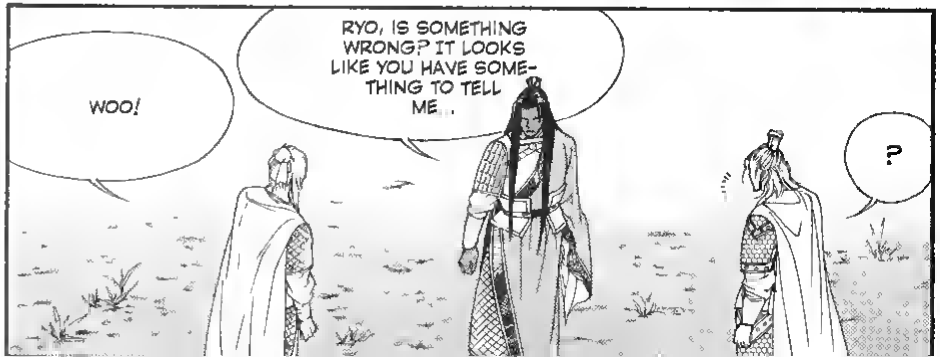
I'M SO EMBARRASSED.
POUR
I BOASTED THAT I WOULDN'T NEED YOUR HELP, YET HERE WE ARE..
PLEASE DO NOT MENTION IT.

THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO REPAY YOU FOR YOUR KINDNESS.
...PLEASE...
...DON'T PUT IT LIKE THAT...


RYANG AN HAS CHALLENGED US TO ANOTHER BATTLE!



RYANG AN IS ONE OF WON'S BEST MEN.
LOOK AT HIM. THIS WON'T BE EASY. YOU SHOULD BE CAREFUL.
HE IS MERELY OFFERING ME HIS HEAD ON A PLATTER.


WOO!
RYO, IS SOMETHING WRONG? IT LOOKS LIKE YOU HAVE SOMETHING TO TELL ME..
?

PLEASE WEAR THIS IN THE BATTLE.
WHY SHOULD I...
.....
...FINE.
CLIP
CLOP

ARE THERE NO MORE GENERALS TO FIGHT ME?!
?!
THE BLUE DRAGON SWORD...!
WOO KWAN? IS THAT YOU, WOO KWAN?!

YOUR SWORN BROTHER BI YOO IS UNDER THE PROTECTION OF MASTER SO WON.
SHUDDER
움찔
YOU ARE A LOYAL MAN. THERE IS NO WAY YOU WILL TURN YOUR BACK ON BI YOO
THERE MUST BE A REASON FOR YOU TO WEAR THAT MASK!
NOW, WHY DON'T YOU GO TO THE PLACE WHERE YOUR BRO —
HHHHH
OF

HURRAAAH
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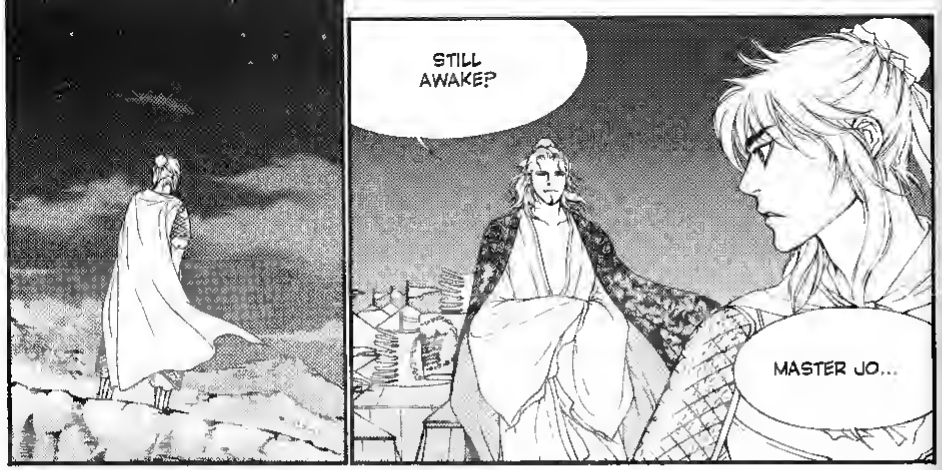
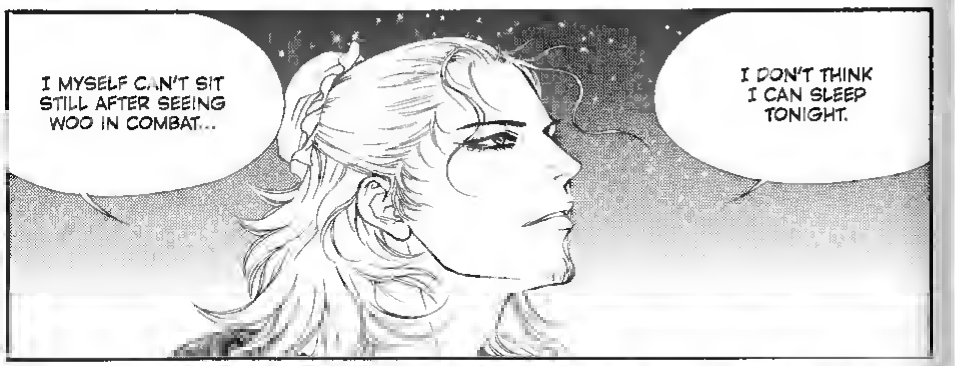
HE IS AMAZING!


STILL AWAKE?
MASTER JO...


I MYSELF CAN'T SIT STILL AFTER SEEING WOO IN COMBAT...
I DON'T THINK I CAN SLEEP TONIGHT.

BUT AS YOU ALREADY KNOW..
...WOO IS FIGHTING ON MY SIDE ONLY TO REPAY ME SO HE CAN LEAVE HERE WHENEVER HE WISHES...

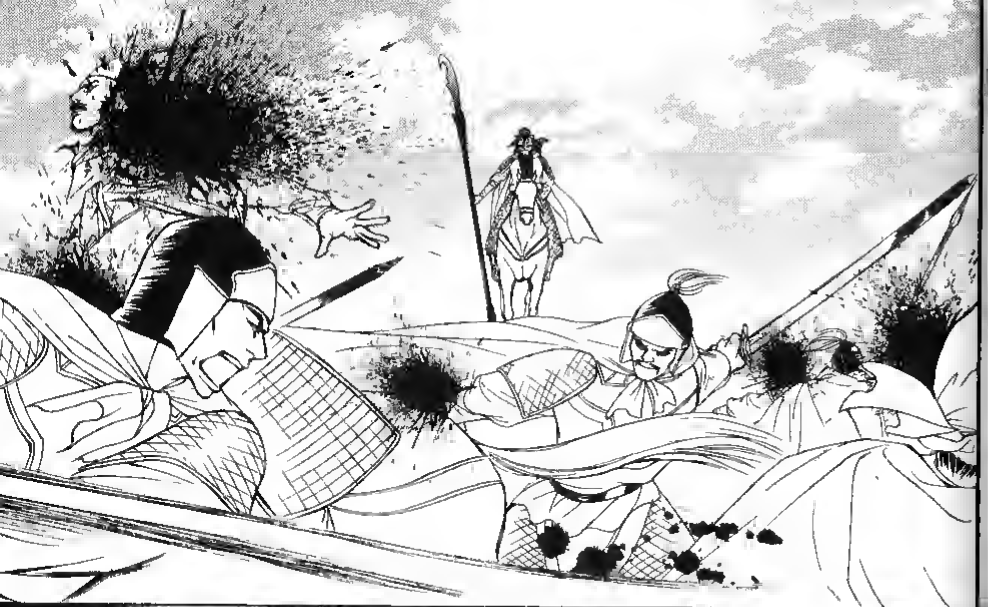
WOULDN'T YOU AGREE THAT BI YOO DOES NOT DESERVE WOO KWAN?
...!!

TO BE HONEST, I LIKE YOU...
...BECAUSE YOU'RE LIKE WOO KWAN
THANK YOU.
HA!

YOU RESPECT WOO SO MUCH THAT YOU TAKE THAT AS PRAISE.
BI YOO WOULD LIKE YOU AS WELL SINCE YOU'RE JUST LIKE WOO, WOULDN'T HE?
!!

DO NOT THINK...
..THAT I WILL BE AS GENEROUS TO YOU AS I AM TO WOO.
WOO'S SWORD WILL BATHE IN BLOOD NO MORE.
WOO WILL ENTER INTO POLITICS WITH ME. AND TOGETHER, WE WILL LEAD THE WORLD.
I'M GOING TO APPOINT HIM A GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL.

MASTER JO! AN URGENT MESSAGE!
!
SO WON HAS SENT GENERAL CHOO MOON THIS TIME!
HE AND HIS ARMY HAVE ALREADY CROSSED THE YELLOW RIVER AND SET UP BASE IN YUNJIN. THEY ARE IN HIGH SPIRITS!!
WHOOOOOO
OF OF



IF YOU WEAR THAT MASK AND DEFEAT CHOO MOON..
CHOO MOON, TO BATTLE!
..I WILL TREAT YOU AS A GREAT GENERAL ON PAR WITH WOO KWAN.

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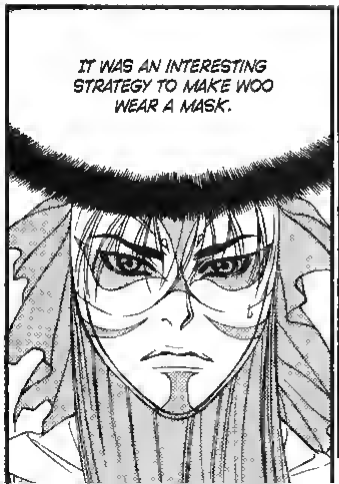

IT WAS AN INTERESTING STRATEGY TO MAKE WOO WEAR A MASK.

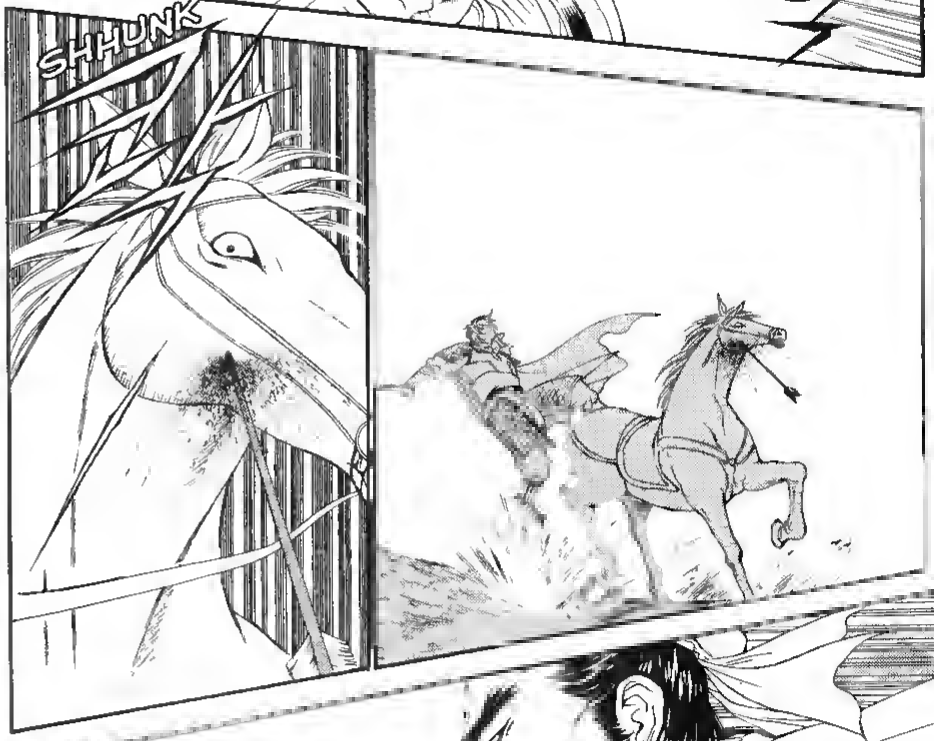
DID YOU SAY YOU WANTED TO BE LIKE WOO?
WHY DON'T YOU BECOME WOO KWAN THIS TIME?

GENERAL MOON! THAT MAN WITH THE MASK AND LONG SWORD IS THE BASTARD WHO KILLED GENERAL AN!

SO IT WAS YOU!
SHHP

SHHHK
THUNK

HEH!
SHHHK


SHHUNK

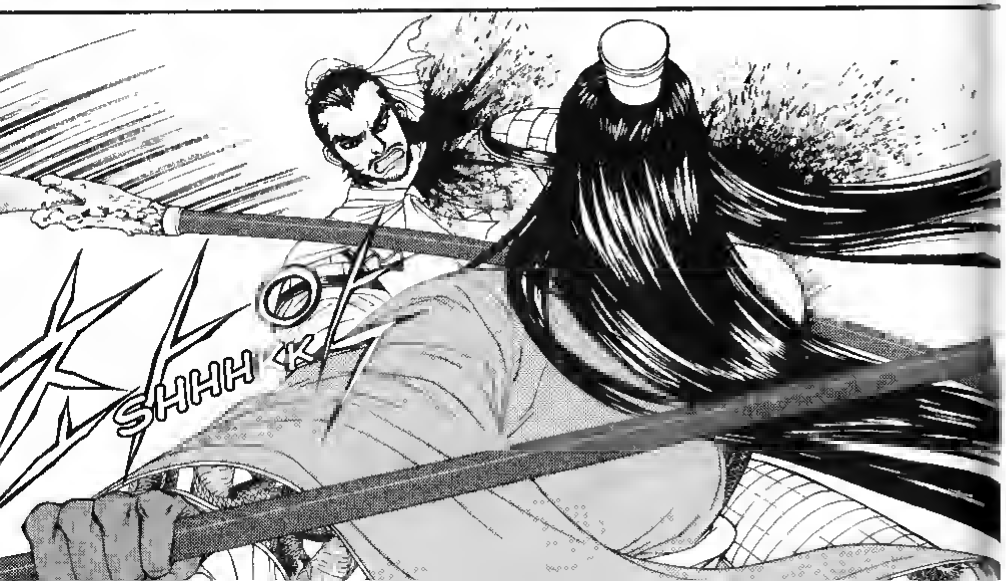
RYOOOO!!

YOUR HEAD
IS MINE!

RYOOOOO!
KLANK
RYANG WAS LIKE A BROTHER TO ME!
KLANG
KLANK
THERE IS NO WAY THAT SOMEONE OF YOUR CALIBER...
...WAS ABLE TO BEST RYANG!
KLANK
KLANG
KLANNNG
SHUUK

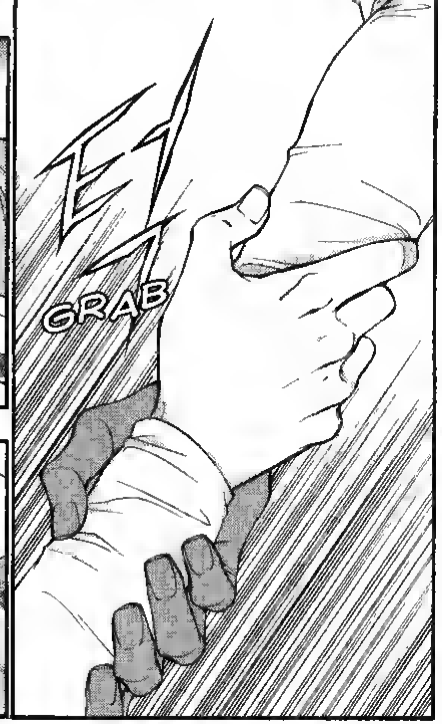
YOU DO NOT DESERVE THE BLUE DRAGON SWORD!
WHOO.
-KLANNG
Y-YOU...!

LEAP


SHHH

CAN YOU GET UP?

WOO.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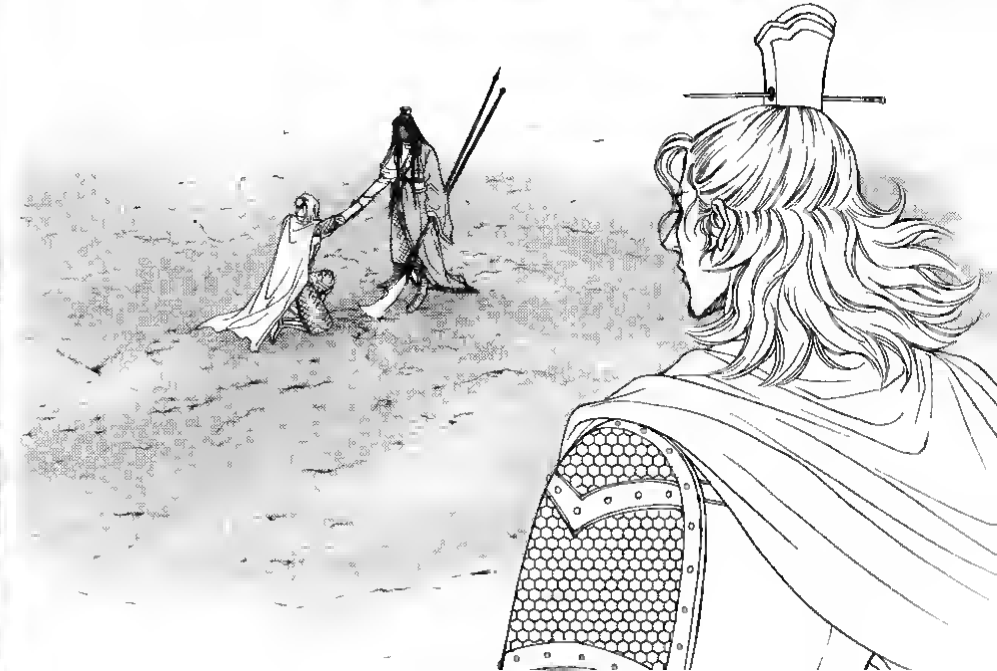

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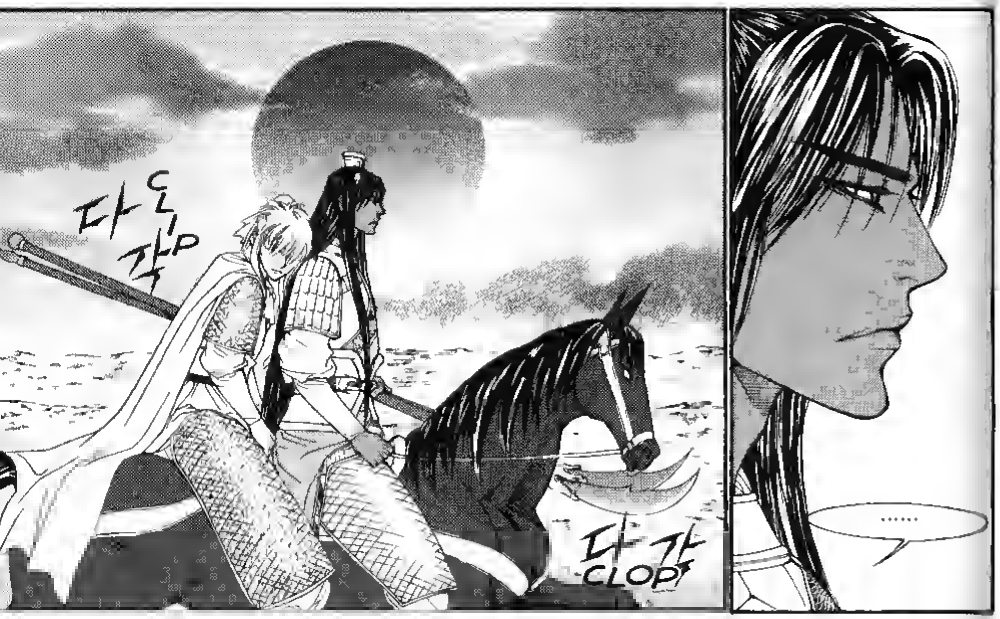
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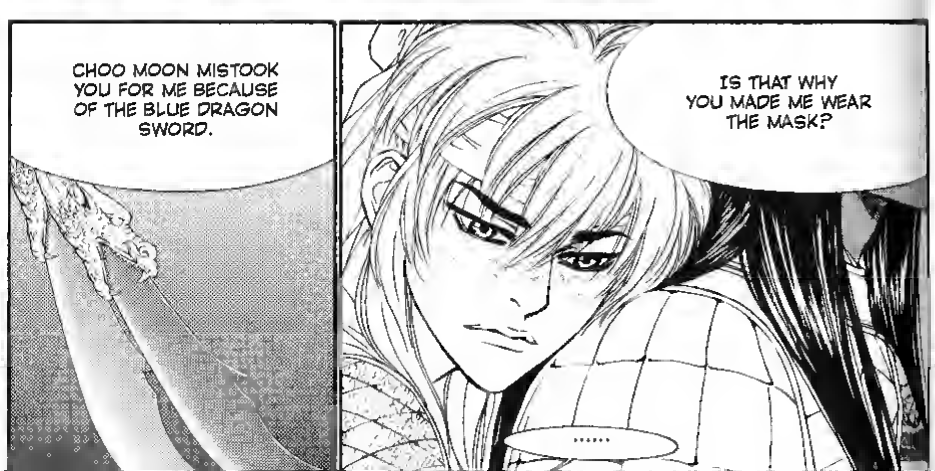
CHOO MOON MISTOOK YOU FOR ME BECAUSE OF THE BLUE DRAGON SWORD.
IS THAT WHY YOU MADE ME WEAR THE MASK?
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YOU KNEW THAT BI YOO WAS WITH SO WON..
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CLIP
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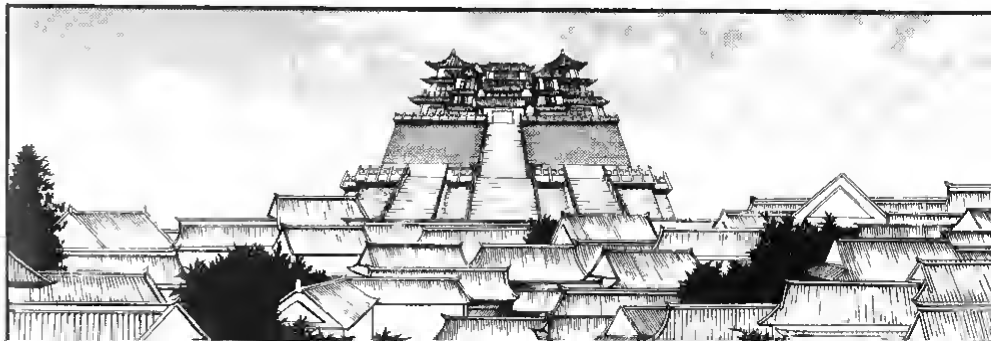
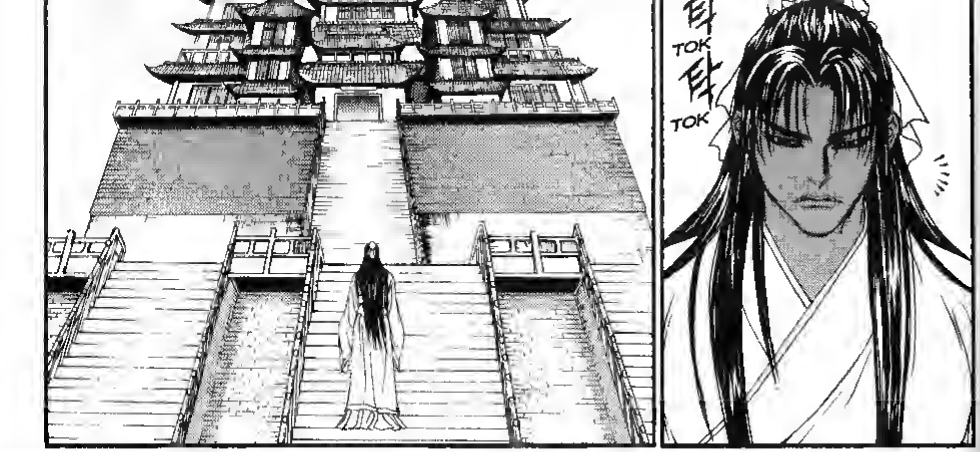
CLOP

.....
I'M SORRY.

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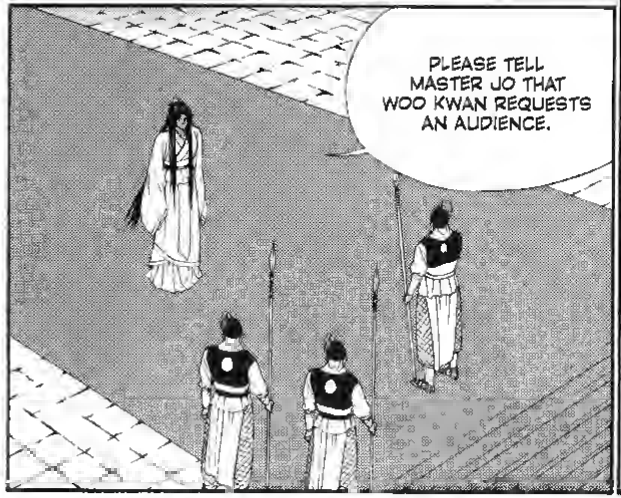
PLEASE TELL MASTER JO THAT WOO KWAN REQUESTS AN AUDIENCE.

MASTER JO DOES NOT FEEL WELL, SO HE IS NOT SEEING ANYONE.
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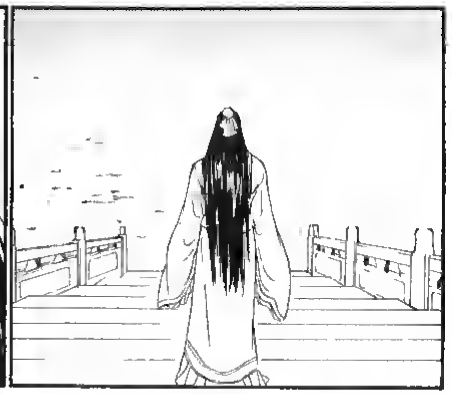

WOO IS PROBABLY HERE TO SAY GOOD-BYE.
I WANT TO BELIEVE THAT. .
...WOO IS LEAVING...
...TO KEEP HIS PROMISES.
THAT'S WHY I DIDN'T WANT TO SEE HIM.
IF I SAW HIM NOW, I'D BEG HIM NOT TO LEAVE
DO YOU...
...WANT TO WEAR THIS?
I WANT HIM TO REMEMBER ME AS A PERSON WHO KEEPS HIS PROMISES.
WOO VALUES KEEPING PROMISES THE MOST.
SO, TO YOU...
...I AM SIMPLY WOO'S REPLACEMENT?
YOU WISH!
OF OF
BLUSHING
!

TO BE CONTINUED IN ONE THOUSAND AND ONE NIGHTS, VOLUME 10!

Special Commentary from the Writer JinSeok Jeon

ONE MACHO MEN AND BOYS' LOVE

THE ROMANCE OF THE THREE KINGDOMS IS THE STORY OF MEN. THAT'S WHY FATHERS RECOMMEND THAT THEIR SONS READ IT, AND NOT MANY WOMEN ARE FAMILIAR WITH IT. DUE TO AN EXTREMELY MACHO STORYLINE THAT COMPLETELY EXCLUDES WOMEN, THE BOOK IS ALSO SOMEWHAT HOMOEROTIC. THAT WAS WHY I WANTED TO INTRODUCE *THE ROMANCE OF THE THREE KINGDOMS*, WHICH HAS A VERY MASCULINE VIBE, TO THE FEMALE READERS OF ***ONE THOUSAND AND ONE NIGHTS***. FOR EXAMPLE, SOME WOMEN DON'T UNDERSTAND MEN WHO ARE CRAZY ABOUT *MOBILE SUIT GUNDAM* AND COLLECT ITS MODELS. BUT MANY WOMEN WERE INTO *GUNDAM SEED*, WHICH HAD A VERY FEMININE SENSIBILITY. JUST LIKE WITH *GUNDAM SEED*, I WANTED NOT ONLY MEN BUT ALSO WOMEN TO TALK ABOUT *THE ROMANCE OF THREE KINGDOMS*. I WAS ALSO HAPPY THAT SO MANY MEN UNEXPECTEDLY SHOWED INTEREST IN THIS CHAPTER. I DREAM OF THE DAY WHEN THERE IS NO BOUNDARY BETWEEN MEN AND WOMEN. .

TWO WOO KWAN, THE MAN WHO BECAME A GOD

WOO KWAN IS REGARDED AS A GOD, NOT ONLY IN CHINA BUT ALSO IN OTHER ASIAN COUNTRIES. THERE IS A LIKELY POSSIBILITY THAT WOO WAS OF ARAB DESCENT. HIS DARK SKIN AND BLUE DRAGON CRESCENT BLADE ARE TWO PIECES OF EVIDENCE THAT POINT TO THIS POSSIBILITY. WOO KWAN'S FAMOUS BLUE DRAGON CRESCENT BLADE WAS NOT USED IN CHINA AROUND THIS TIME. SO MANY PEOPLE ARGUE THAT WOO KWAN DID NOT ACTUALLY USE ONE, ALTHOUGH CRESCENT BLADES CAME TO CHINA FROM PERSIA. IN MICHAEL CRICHTON'S *THE THIRTEENTH WARRIOR*, THERE IS A SCENE PORTRAYING THE MAIN ARAB CHARACTER REFORGING A STRAIGHT WESTERN SWORD INTO A MORE TRADITIONAL, CRESCENT-SHAPED, PERSIAN BLADE. SINCE WOO KWAN PERSONALLY DESIGNED HIS BLUE DRAGON CRESCENT BLADE, WOULDN'T WOO KWAN BE OF ARAB DESCENT SINCE HE KNEW HOW GOOD A CRESCENT BLADE WAS, EVEN THOUGH IT HAD NEVER BEEN USED IN CHINA? IF THAT IS TRUE, WOO KWAN AND CHO-YONG FROM VOLUME 2 HAVE SOME SIMILARITIES, NAMELY THAT THEY ARE BOTH ARAB AND BECAME GODS AFTER THEY DIED.

THE LOVE TRIANGLE IN SEUNG-HEE HAN'S STUDIO

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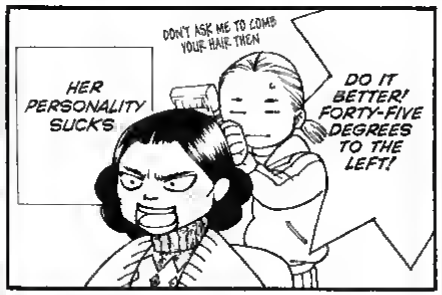

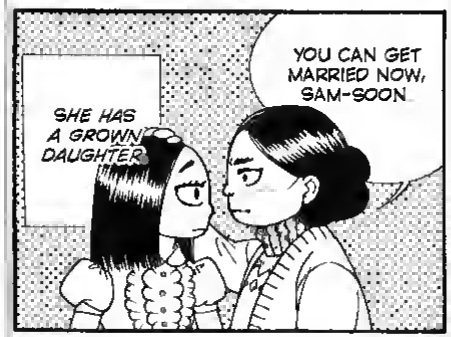

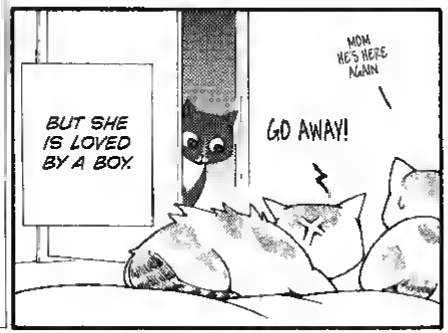

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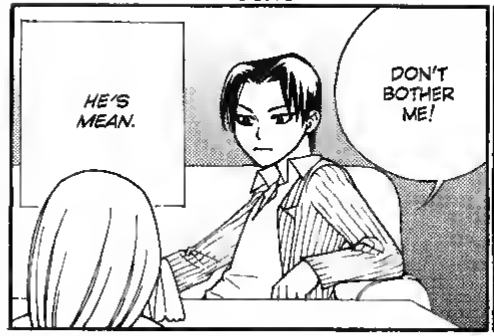

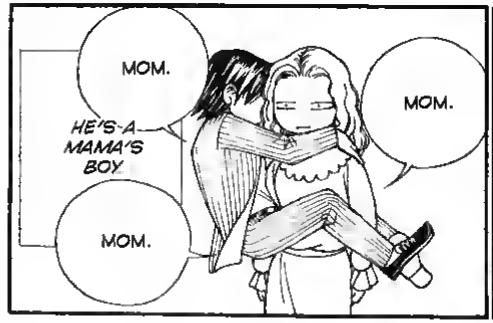

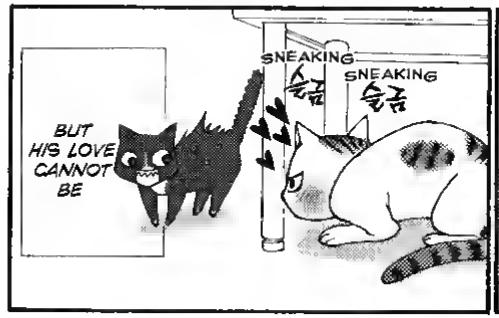

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